Germans

trigger

rate rise

across

Europe By Janet Bush ECONOMICS EDITOR

GERMANY yesterday trig-gered a sudden rise in European interest rates, signalling its determination to press ahead towards a single currency in January 1999. The Bundesbank, the central bank, raised interest rates

for the first time in more than

five years. It was swiftly followed by France, Belgium, Austria, The Netherlands and

The Bundesbank's increase

in the repo rate — the key

German money market rate -

from 3.0 per cent to 3.30 per

cent — was far larger than the

financial markets had antici-

pated and was seen as an

aggressive signal that, if mon-

etary union is to go ahead, it

will be on the terms set by the

The move marked the start

of much closer co-ordination

of interest rates in the run-up

to the start of monetary union.

on to cut record unemploy-

ment levels, the Bundesbank's

move sent a clear message that

any EMU in which it partici-

pates will be anti-inflationary.

It is a remarkable confirma-

tion of the Bundesbank's pre-

occupation with controlling inflation that it raised interest

rates in the week that German

unemployment topped 4.5 mil-

The move will increase the

likelihood that Tony Blair will

keep Britain out of the first

wave of monetary union. An

announcement is expected

Even as interest rates rose

all over Europe, the Bank of

lion, a postwar record.

over the next few weeks.

Far from the "soft" euro which many European gov-ernments had been banking

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Portillo makes return from exile

# Hague seeks the party that cares

William Hague will today unveil his vision of a new popular Conservatism" by setting out to reinvent the Tories as the party of compassion and tolerance.

In a daring attempt to transform its image, Mr Hague is insisting that he wants to lead a party that cares for the poor, disadvantaged and oppressed, and is more liberal in its attitude both to people who bring up families outside marriage and to the sexual misdemeanours of politicians. He will call for a party that is determined "to show that it cares",

In an extraordinary alliance with the party's most promi-nent exile. Michael Portillo, the Tory leader is in effect relaunching the party in the wake of its devastating election defeat. This amounts to an admission that the Tories lost the faith of voters because they failed to address the social concerns of the nation. concentrating instead on ecoupsetting traditionalists.

Echoing Tony Blair's modernisation crusade that brought Labour back to power, Mr Hague will call for a 'changing Conservatism" that

acknowledges its mistakes. Mr Portillo made his political comeback last night with a 6,000-word speech — read a week ago by Mr Hague — in which he tried to chart the party's path to recovery. In its most striking passage, the former Defence Secretary, while acknowledging the Conservatives as the party of the family, called for a more generous approach to those outside the traditional family unit. He wanted a more tolerant approach to mothers who brought up children on their

own and to homosexuals. He said: "We believe that children are best brought up in stable family arrangements with two parents. But we admire those many people who are doing an excellent job raising children on their own." He added that in politics

Prodi offers to quit Italy was thrown into political turmoil after Romano Prodi, the centre-left Prime Minister,

offered his resignation to President Scalfaro after the refusal

of his Communist allies to back him in parliament over

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there should be a distinction between sexual peccadillos, which should not normally result in dismissal from office, and financial misconduct.

Mr Hague, always a close supporter of Mr Portillo, said that he agreed with every word of the speech. And in a Channel 4 interview last night he said for the first time that he would not sack Shadow Cabinet members or Shadow Ministers caught having affairs, provided they were not guilty of hypocrisy or financial

impropriety.

Today he will say in his keynote speech of the week: "I want to tell you about an open Conservatism, that is tolerant, that believes freedom is about



"If this doesn't work, you're all fired"

more than economics. That believes freedom does not stop at the shop counter. I want to tell you about a democratic popular Conservatism that lisens, that is determined to show it cares."

The co-ordination of mess-age between Mr Portillo and Mr Hague revived specula-tion last night that the former minister could be brought back as party chairman after Lord Parkinson has completed his limited term. But Mr Portillo emphasised that he was not making any kind of long-term leadership bid.

Mr Hague said that the sentiments voiced by Mr Portillo about family life were popular. He declared: "I want to support the family, but we are not going to prescribe how everybody should lead their

The emerging redefinition of Toryism appeared to be too swift for some and a backlash could come from older party members.

ies lecture. Mr Portillo said the Tories were beaten because they appeared insensitive to social issues "using the language of economics and high finance when people's jobs and self-esteem were at stake".

Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, backed Mr Portillo, saying many people were single parents through no fault of their own and the Tories had never denigrated

Mr Hague last night made even more explicit that the Tories would embrace singleparent families and other family units", apparently a

reference to gay couples.

He said: "We are not saying there are no circumstances in which it is right for single parents to bring up their children. We are saying: let's be alive to the 21st century. let's be tolerant at the way people wish to live when it doesn't damage the interests of other people and that doesn't conflict with our support for

## **Apology move over Bloody Sunday**

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is "moving towards" a formal apology for the events of Bloody Sunday, according to Labour Party Mo Mowlam, the Northern

Ireland Secretary, is expected to announce next month an independent review of fresh evidence presented by the Irish Government on the fatal shooting of 14 men by members of the Parachute Regiment during a Londonderry civil rights demonstration in 1972. Members of her party believe that review will pave the way for an apology.

Government officials say no decision has yet been made, and that any speculation is premature, but one senior Labour MP closely involved in Northern Ireland affairs said: "She's moving towards a formal apology. There is a general feeling that as difficult as it might be, the terrible business that took place that day has to

be addressed." A source in Belfast said Dr Mowlam recognised that "it is important to resolve the matter and wind it up". The idea was "some kind of review to look at the new material and possibly lead to a formal

Lawyers doubted whether an apology would expose the

Government to legal claims for compensation from the victims' relatives so long after the event, though it could create a moral obligation.

A spokesman for the Bloody Sunday Justice Campaign said the relatives' goal was neither compensation nor an apology but the "full truth about Bloody Sunday - the hows and the whys and the whos. That was the only way to put it behind them.

The shootings have been a festering sore for a quarter of a century. In April 1972 the Widgery tribunal largely exonerated the British soldiers. saying they had been fired on first, but nationalists and republicans called that report a whitewash.

In 1993 John Major said those killed could be regarded as innocent, but rejected de-mands for a public inquiry. The material the Irish Government presented to Dr Mowlam in June was largely based on two recent television documentaries and a new book containing hundreds of eyewitness accounts.

Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist Party's security spokesman, issued a warning that regardless of whether a was justified it



## The spirit of Versace lives on

FROM HEATH BROWN in Milan

STILL in mourning, the fashion designer Donatella Versace showed her first collection for the Gianni Versace label in Milan last night — a iob she inherited from her brother Gianni after his murder in Miami three months ago. With the eyes of the fashion world on her, the question was in which direction would she take the fashion house her brother had built up to be a favourite of the rich and famous?

Demi Moore, Angelica Houston and Cher were among the celebrity line-up at the show, along with rival designers including Karl Lagerfeld, Giorgio Armani and Miuccia Prada.

The event, at the Versace Pallazo in Via Gesu, had all the glittering trappings of Versace shows of the past but without the usual pre-show chattering excitement - a subdued air of respect pervaded the showroom.

The production began with a lasered message across the back curtain: "This show is dedicated to our brother Gianni and to our entire staff and their incredible love and devotion that was so precious to him. We thank each and every one of you." Then with funky upbeat

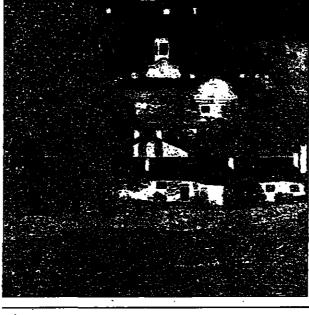
fanfare (music created and mixed by Boy George) the auditorium came alive as Na-omi Campbell and Kate Moss, the British models, strode out in a sparkling grey trouser suit and a Prince of Wales check bustier with super sheen demi-pants. The colours of the outfits became brighter as the show proceeded with neutral

soft blue, tangerine, apricot and light vivid green. The look had the Versace signature short, sassy and sexy but with a more restrained use of detailing in cleaner silhouettes and perfectly simple cuts. Ms Versace came out of the

tones of grey contrasting with

wings to a standing ovation and exited after a quick bow. 'It had all the best elements of Versace but with a newer. softer touch," said Alexander Shulman, the British Vogue

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#### £14.5m record for Klimt landscape

This striking landscape by Gustav Klimt, the Viennese master, sold yesterday for £14.5 million at Christie's in London (Dalya Alberge writes).

Attersee II had been expected to fetch a mere £6 million but an anonymous private collec-tor bidding on the telephone was determined to fight off competition from a buyer in

Christie's described it as the most expensive work sold in London since 1988, a record price for Klimt and the most expensive work sold anywhere this year.

Michelangelo sale, page 8

## Queen unmasks woman who fibbed about her age

By ALAN HAMILTON

A LADY is entitled to her little her husband of 75 years was secret - at least until the none the wiser. Oueen spills the beans. "When we met, I just aslna Marshall, helped by her

her century.

deception, the game was up.

Mrs Marshall had no

choice but to come clean.

When, during the First World

War, she met 18-year-old John

Marshall, who really is 98, it

was not done for a woman to

be walking out with, and

certainly not marrying, a

younger man. So the 20-year-

old subtracted two years from

sumed she was the same age as me," he said. "I have no husband John, was opening stacks of cards marking her regrets that I have been shar-98th birthday at their home in ing my life with an older East Kilbride, Lanarkshire. woman, but I still find it hard But there was also a telegram to take in that I am actually from Buckingham Palace conher toyboy." The perfect gengratulating her on attaining tleman, he had been brought up never to ask a lady's age. After 80 years of perfect

Mrs Marshall is unrepentant about her remarkably enduring little white lie. "It doesn't really matter now, does it? After all, I've got him as a toyboy and, if I get fed up with him, I'll just look for another."

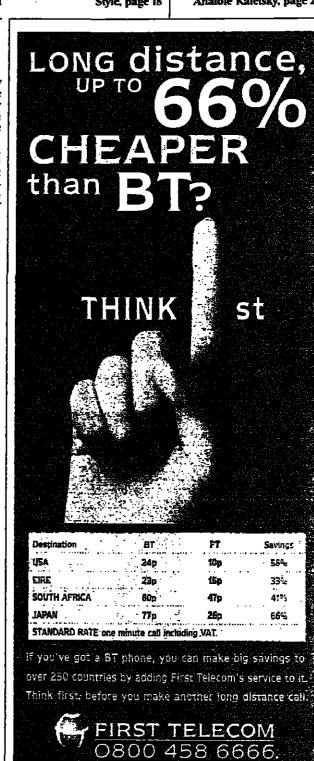
She kept her secret not only from her husband, but from family, friends and her local district council, who gave the Continued on page 2, col 4 her age and, until yesterday, couple a civic party on what

they assumed was their joint 90th birthday.

But some mystery person knew the truth, and alerted Buckingham Palace. "If the Oueen is to send out a 100th birthday telegram, someone has to let us know, and we like it to be backed up with a birth certificate or some other documentary evidence," a Palace spokesman said.

Why did the truth not come out when the couple claimed their pensions? Because all such matters were firmly in the hands of Mrs Marshall. who has always handled the family finances.

The Queen, who was complaining only this week about becoming too old for the modern age, is firmly believed by her husband, and all other competent authorities, to be 71.



# Mr Nice and Mr Nasty perform duet for day at the Oprah \*

esterday Conservatives ventured into daytime-TV territory. Roving microphones moved among the faithful as Tory conference-goers thrilled to an audience-participation chat.

Oprah Winfrey it was not Her job is safe from challengers like the session's chairman, Graham Park.

These are the mechanics began Mr Park, explaining to a full house that the two gentlemen on what appeared to be bar stools in front of him were John Maples MP and lain Duncan-Smith MP. spokesmen respectively on health and social security. Tory representatives were invited to pose their queries to

Mr Maples and Mr Duncan-Smith bore more than a passing resemblance to Mr Nice and Mr Nasty, or the Mutt and Jeff of a hardcop/soft-cop interrogation team. Soft-suited, soft-spoken. soft-coiffed Maples would manager for a large chain of private clinics. He was the embodiment of tact. Duncan-Smith, with

high forehead, shark-like smile, deep-set eyes and penetrating stare, could be mistaken for a superintendent (special investigations) in the Stepney & Shoreditch police. A rising star on the Tory Right, Duncan-Smith, like the former MP for Chingford whom he replaced, relies on a sub-Tebbit snarl, a populist turn of phrase, and a very

good brain. We started with Mr Nice. A fellow called Guy, from Birmingham, invited Maples to agree that there was no need for a Royal Commission



on Euthanasia. Mr Nice agreed that this was a very difficult question. He bugely understood the feelings on both sides. He doubted whether any action at all was called for. He told a man concerned that too little is spent on rural health that country people tended to think too much was spent on the towns, whereas town

people tended to think the

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Christine from Hackney asked about alleged "corruption" in Labour councils. Would Tory spokesmen please expose such evils? This brought Mr Nasty hissing to his feet. "Just you try and stop me!" he snapped. "The rug must be lifted," continued

tions. "Corrupt, always with a hand in the till.

'And who swallows it? You don't. They do," he gargled, gesturing up to where journalists sit. The media. The audience peered up and began to boo. I fingered my natebook nervously.

Then a lady from Kensington asked Maples about vitamin B supplements. Mr Nice explained that it was all very difficult, adding, kindly, that there was a Committee on Safety in Medicines. There was now a danger that others

ailments and the whole thing turn into a mass-participation doctor's surgery.

The event was unfortunately staged Directly behind Nasty and Nice, the chairman was on a higher bar-stool. As Maples and Duncan-Smith alternated their replies, Mr Park beamed and scowled behind, centre-stage, his facial expressions — caring or angry more watchable than the

I fear I did not stay, Passing a party stand near the exit, I saw (30 photographs of Wil-

desk. Tory ballgoers had been offered the chance to pose between them for a personal portrait, one at a time, as the happy couple peered cheesily and wearily into the camera. In some snaps, William had his mouth open while Flion had hers closed. In others it was the other way round. In a few, both mouths were open. or shut. I pointed out this interesting fact to the man behind the stall.

"I'm not going to say any thing, in case you write it down, he wailed.

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

Turks fine

waiter who

'wed' girl,

13, £8.50

The Turkish waiter whose child bride led to the intervention of the High Court last year was yesterday acquitted of statutory rape in Turkey and instead found guilty of

breaching the country's mar-

riage laws and fined a sym-

Musa Komeagac was

cleared in the southeastern

city of Kahramanmaras of

having unlawful sex with

Essex schoolgirl Sarah Cook,

with whom he went through a

Moslem religious ceremony

when she was 13 after she fell

in love with him during a

Royal yacht to go

The Royal Yacht Britannia will not be refitted or replaced

when it is decommissioned in

December, the Defence Secre-

tary is to announce today. Six

options for its future are being

considered, including a re-

turn to Clydeside where it was built. George Robertson will also give details of a final round-Britain voyage.

family holiday in Turkey.

bolic 1.5 million lira (£8.50) -

suspended for five years.

# Better students may get bigger university loans

STUDENTS will be rewarded with bigger loans at university if they pass extra school tests in literacy, numeracy and computing under plans being Government.

Ministers are undecided whether to force all A level students to take an extra qualification in the three "key skills" or to cajole them with cash incentives. Students might be able to borrow up to £1,000 more than their annual entitlement which is expected to be about £4,000.

But in Qualifying for Success, a consultation paper launched yesterday, the Government made it clear it wanted "key skills" tests to become the norm for 16 to 18year-olds. The document makes it clear that A levels will not be scrapped, but eventually become part of an "overarching certificate", including key skills and vocational qualifications, to demonstrate a

range of achievement. Incorporating the key skills within A level courses is seen as unlikely and sixth-form students face an extra six: hours of lessons a week in puting, as disclosed in The Times two months ago: The suggestion that achieving key skills should be re-

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DOLPHIN SHOWROOM

Fifty-one head teachers intend to resign over Government plans to force grantmaintained schools back into the local council funding system, a survey discloses today. Many said they were unwilling to carry out the 1,800 redundancies they believe will follow losing 2 to 10 per cent of their budgets. Nearly two-thirds of 1,100 grant-maintained heads responded to a survey published in The Times Educational Supplement.

warded with access to extra student loans was condemned as "bewildering" by the National Union of Students. The NUS is already planning protests next month over the introduction of annual £1,000 university tuition fees in a year's time.

A spokesman for the NUS said: "We don't understand why people who are more qualified should get more money. It doesn't make any sense. Surely if extra money is available, it should be targeted on students from poorer fames - not those who already

A senior Government source said that financial incentives were "just one of a

ange of options" which also included paying the school or college extra money if they had good pass rates in key skills. However, it would not involve a re-introduction of grants, which are also being abolished for new students

from next September.

Industry and universities were demanding that all students had a range of skills, he said. "We are looking to provide incentives to encourage the take up of key skills. which would involve a small enhancement of student loans to recognise the acquisition of

There could also be extra "points" towards university entry for the acquisition of key skills. A small number of schools and colleges are running a trial half-A level in key skills this year, covering communication, application of number and IT.

The consultation document builds on proposals last year by Sir Ron Dearing on improving post-16 qualifications, including a new AS level worth half an A. ☐ The Department for Educa-

tion and Employment has said that exemption from tuition fees for trainee teachers is intended only for the Post-Graduate Certificate of Education courses, not B.Ed ones.



A soldier marches off a demonstrator during the Bloody Sunday disturbances, which left 14 people killed

Continued from page I would be seen as "another payment of Danegeld" by the Government to placate Sinn Fein and the IRA. Leading Unionists are anticipating Dr Mowlam's announcement by demanding that a Bloody Sunday review be offset by an Irish Government review of the 1970 arms scandal in which Charles Haughey and two other Cabinet ministers allegedly helped to arm the IRA.

Unionists and loyalists yesterdy responded angrily to the Clinton AdminisUlster move

tration's decision to exclude the IRA from a list of the world's 30 leading terrorist organisations. "To suggest to anyone that the IRA is not in the top 30 terrorist organisations in the world is really wishful thinking," Mr Maginnis said. He called the decision a huge mistake. White House officials have promised that the IRA would be swiftly added to the list if the present ceasefire collapsed.

☐ The Tories yesterday threatened to break the bipartisan approach to North-em Ireland if the Government failed to follow the peace process principles agreed while John Major was Prime Minister

(Jill Sherman writes). Andrew Mackay, the Shadow Ulster Secretary, also criticised Dr Mowlam's decision to end the power of internment support legislation this autumn. At is hardly a confidence boosting measure in

Rail fares rise

Eight train companies serving London were given permission to impose aboveinflation fare rises as high as 3 per cent on some routes fo improved services. Firms including South West Trains, which cancelled hundreds of trains this year, have been told that they must peg rises below inflation. businare of

Custody deaths

The number of deaths in police custody or during arrest rose by 14 per cent in 1996-97 on the previous year. The Home Office said 57 prisoners in England and Wales died in police cells or hospital from March last year to this April. The Metropolitan Police recorded 18 deaths. the highest number.

Stalker fined

Michael King, 52, of Haresfield, Gloucestershire, who was prosecuted under the new E250 for harassing his former partner, Sonja Townsend, 49, when she ended their Il-year\_ relationship. Gloucester mag-istrates ordered King not to contact Mrs Townsend or her new partner for 12 months.

Sex case award

saleswoman who was blacklisted, then dismissed. after refusing to sleep with her manager has been awarded £3,685 compensation. Patricia Gough, 25, complained that Michael Auld, a manager of Windows by Design in Willesden, north London, made her life a misery with his sexual advances.

Hunt inquiry call

Farmers' leaders are to press for a public inquiry into the future of hunting. Barney Holbeche, of the National Farmers' Union, hopes that the Government will be attracted by the proposal as a way of killing off the controversial anti-hunting Bill, due for its second reading in the

#### Rate rise Continued from page I British base rates unchanged. The last time that the

Bundesbank raised rates was in July 1992, a move which led to the run on the pound and its European exchange rate mechanism two months later. The Bank of France made it

clear in a statement after its rate increase that European interest rates were now being co-ordinated more closely in order to prepare for the formation of the single currency. But there are doubts over whether the euro will be the wide, inclusive single currency for which France has so doggedly fought.

The move coincided with the collapse of the Prodi Government in Italy. Germany and the Bundesbank have long felt uncomfortable with the idea of a single currency which in-cludes Italy and there was a widespread feeling yesterday that the round of rate rises had in effect ended Italy's chances

of joining in the first wave. But high ranking Italian officials united in insisting that the Government's collapse, forced by the rejection of its budget should not compromise Italy's efforts to ready itself for the single currency. Giorgio Macciotta, Trea-

sury under-secretary, said: "This is a idiotic crisis. However nothing is compromised for the entry into Europe. It cannot be ruled out that solutions will be presented which will allow entry."

Italy, like Britain, stands out from those countries who are regarded as likely to join the single currency because it has much higher interest rates.

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

THE BBC was last night given permis-

sion by the Government to launch a 24-

hour television news service in Britain

favour of the free BBC service. News

## Irvine drops plan for lay people to help pick judges

THE Lord Chancellor has ditched controversial plans for a Judicial Appointments Commission, in which lay people would have helped in the selection of judges. Lord Irvine of Lairg, the

Lord Chancellor, said yesterday he had decided not to consult on the idea of setting up a Commission because of the very heavy workload facing his department. Instead, he announced other reforming measures aimed at modernising the judiciary in the run-up to the millennium and improving "openness, flexibility and effectiveness" of the system.

Vacancies for High Court judgeships will be advertised for the first time within the legal profession, ending the system of appointment to the senior judiciary by invitation only. There are currently 93. High Court judges on a salary of £108,192. Under the last Lord Chancellor, vacancies of lower judicial ranks such as circuit and district judges was

introduced.

Lord Irvine is also to consider setting up a judges' om-budsman to handle complaints from aggrieved candidates for judicial posts. The proposal for a Judicial Appointments Commission, Labour policy for some years

election manifesto, is strongly opposed by the senior

But Lord Irvine is understood to have changed his mind about a Commission without the need for lobbying by senior judges. A Lord Chancellor's Department spokesman said: "It is his decision entirely. Obviously he talks to senior judges - but he feels that a Commission is really not necessary at the moment. One can never say "never", but it is really on the

get on with the changes he thinks should be made." Other planned reforms included consideration on whether part-time judges assistant recorders and recorders - should undego periormance appraisal".

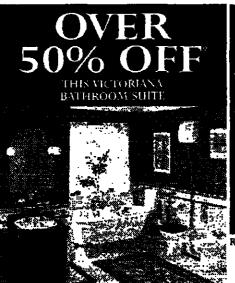
backburner. He would rather

Second, in a move to help men and women with families, he announced flexibility in the "sitting" requirements for part-time judges (assistant recorders and recorders) so that they can notch up their 20 days sitting a year more conveniently.

Supporters of a commission - made up of lay members as well as legal professionals -believed it would open up the appointments process and help break the dominance of the judiciary by white, middle

Commons on November 28.

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The plan has already been attacked by British Sky Broadcasting, which sells its 24-hour television news service Sky News to cable groups for 49p a month to subscribers. A number of cable companies have already informed BSkvB that they want to cancel Sky News in

cable television.

has a 40 per cent stake in BSkyB. The new BBC service, which the corporation said would cost £30 million a year to run, was intended for the new digital television services which were and offer it free to cable operators. BBC News 24 should be available early next month in nearly 12 million homes with expected to be launched this autumn but have been delayed until next year. The corporation is now planning to launch the service on cable and transmit it on

BBCl in the early hours of the morning. BSkyB has accused the BBC of predatory pricing in offering the service free to cable companies. But the corporation says that the service is being funded from the licence fee and that cable customers have already paid for it and should not be charged twice.

Sky may now be forced to reduce the

price it charges cable operators for Sky News, which is available to satellite viewers without extra charge. Earlier this week Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation. said that Sky News had now reached profitability for the first time after seven years "hard work".

The BBC has been trying to persuade cable operators not to drop Sky News. arguing that its service would be marked-

BSkyB said last night that it believed there was no demand for another 24-hour news service. "But we look forward to competing with BBC News, as we have competed with the BBC in sport and other programming."



Sligo on

alert for

return

of French

killer

SUSAN BELL

IRISH police, ports and airports were placed on

alert yesterday for a sus-

pected French triple killer

believed to be planning

further attacks in Ireland. Jacques Girardin, 39, is

being sought by French and Irish police after

Pascale Longesserre, 38,

was found last week raped

and stabbed to death in

her apartment in Angers,

Her son Florian, 4. and

Camille, her 18-month old

daughter, were found in a

separate room, stabbed

and bludgeoned to death

with a hammer in what

French police called "an

indescrībably savage at-

They were dead for up to

two weeks before neigh-bours' complaints of a foul

smell were investigated

French police believe

that Girardin, a former

psychiatric patient, may be

en route to Ireland, where

he has lived intermittently

The suspect lived in

Sligo where people are

petrified at the prospect of

his return. He regularly

le and was convicted in

1990 of trying to burn

down a restaurant after

management barred him

for pestering staff. He

argued with the townspeo-

last Thursday.

northwest France.

# Survivor saw friend washed away in storm

THE skipper of a yacht which capsized after being swamped by a rogue wave off the French coast told last night how he was forced to watch helplessly as his friend was washed

Bob Beggs, 37, and Andy Nurse, 33, clung to an up-turned liferaft for eight hours after the accident in which Ray Newton, 33, who had three children, is feared drowned.

Mr Beggs, a sailing instructor from Plymouth, and Mr Nurse, of London, were winched to safety from the Bay of Biscay by a French navy helicopter shortly before 7am vesterday after their ordeal in the gale-lashed seas

All three men were army Commando reservists; Mr Beggs and Mr Nurse are both former serving Commandos. Neither Mr Nurse nor Mr

By EDWARD GORMAN

SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE British sailing world

was in mourning yesterday

following the death of one of

its brightest stars, Olympic silver-medallist John

Merricks, who was killed in

a car crash in Italy on

Wednesday night. Merricks, 26, had been

taking part in the Glenfiddich Melges 24

European Championships at Punta Ala with a crew

including his longtime sail-ing partner, friend and fel-

low 470 silver medallist, Ian

Walker. According to

sources in Punta Ala, the

pair were among 12 people

in a Land-Rover on their

way to a sponsor's dinner-

after racing, when the driver lost control and the vehicle

Newton had been out to sea on a yacht before. Mr Beggs, speaking from a

French military hospital in Brest, Brittany, said: We were hit by a large wave which completely overturned the yacht. Two of us managed to cling to the boat for about two minutes and then another wave righted the boat."

Mr Beggs said he had not intended to abandon the yacht, which was nose-down in the water. The two rescued men were securing supplies in the six-man raft when it broke away from the dismasted He said Mr Newton, who

had been sleeping below when the wave hit, and had been strapped to the boat by a safety harness, had not managed to reach the raft before it was swept away in the huge

CRASH KILLS SAILOR WHO WON OLYMPIC MEDAL FOR BRITAIN

Merricks: tributes

involved. Merricks was in

the front passenger seat and

died at the scene. Also in-

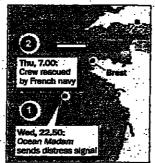
jured were Sacha Nice, who

suffered bad cuts and dam-

age to his shoulder, and

Andy Yeoman, who has a

fractured his skull.



swell. The liferaft later filled with water and overturned

The alarm was raised at 10.50pm on Wednesday night when French rescue authorities received a distress signal from the 38ft Ocean Madam 120 miles west of Brest. Mr Beggs said he and Nurse heard aircraft searching for them overhead for several

silver at the Olympics last year and won the Mumm 36

class in the Admiral's Cun

this summer. They were

leading the Melges regatta with two days left to sail.

However, as a mark of

respect, the organisers can-

celled the remaining races

though one may be held

most popular and talented helmsmen shocked the

sport. Jim Saltonstall, the

Royal Yachting Association

Olympic team coach, who

first taught Merricks when

he was 14, said: "There was a

lot of natural talent and flair

which was always wanting

to burst out of him. To John,

sailing came first and every-

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thing else came second."

The death of one of the

todav as a memorial.

this has done the job." The three friends set off on a voyage from Malta almost a month ago and were sailing the final leg from La Coruna, Spain, to Plymouth when they hit the force nine gale.

planes. They knew the area

we were in but they couldn't

see us. We knew if we could

hang on until first light they

would be able to spot us," Mr

There were unconfirmed re-

ports that the pilot of an

airplane saw Mr Newton, of

London, swimming but he

could not be located by the

time a helicopter found them.

by conflicting emotions. "It was an incredible relief as we

were hoisted into the helicop-

ter, and then a major downer

when the first thing I asked

was whether they had found a

never been out to sea on a

yacht before, and I was a bit

apprehensive about the sea, so

I thought I would son my

phobia out, but I don't think

He added: "Ray and I had

third man, and they said no."

Mr Nurse said he was torn

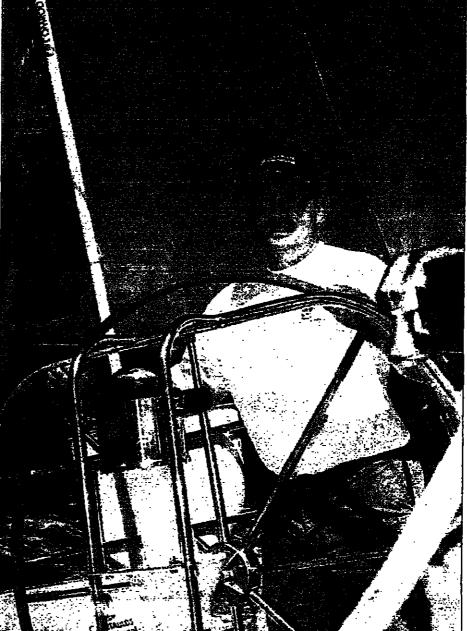
Beggs said.

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Mr Beggs, an experienced sailor who was skippering the Dartmouth-registered vessel as a favour for its owner, Paul Drew of Devon, said: "I am devastated at what happened to him (Ray). It was a horrendous night for us but we are both ex-servicemen so that made it easier.

The water was warm but I don't know how long we could have lasted. We were going along one minute and the next minute we were under water and upside down in the pitch dark." The two rescued sailors were expected to return to England last night. Mr Beggs's partner, Carole

Newman, who lives with him and their seven-month-old daughter Rebecca, said she



Bob Beggs, skipper of the yacht, was rescued after eight hours clinging to a liferaft

and had not been injured. "He was the skipper so he feels it is his responsibility," she said.

The yachtsman Tony Bullimore, who was rescued by the Royal Australian Navy from an unturned boat in the Southern Ocean last January, said he knew Mr Beggs from his days on the Plymouth yachting scene. Mr Bullimore said: "I'm over the moon to hear Bob and another man are safe and just hope they find the missing person too."

He praised the French rescue authorities and added: "It shows the importance of having beacons fitted to all craft, whether they be small pleasure craft or large commercial

Gordon Whatley, the Falmouth Coastguard watch ofsince 1989. They found his diary, in which he wrote of his plans to kill people in Ireland. Interpol contacted the Gardai to warn them. A French arrest warrant is

water for an awfully long time but you never know." A French naval patrol helicopter and the merchant vessel Nadia were preparing to abandon their search in fading light last night with rescue efforts being hampered by 30-

ficer, last night described M1

Newton's chances of survival

as slim. "He has been in the

returned at night and threw a petrol bomb through the door. He was iailed for five years for the arson attack, but released after two years and deported to France. He returned on two occasions and was treated

n a psychiatric hospital after being spotted lurking around primary schools.



Jacques Girardin:

#### crashed. No other car was Merricks and Walker won Professor digs up an explanation for nightmare of the living-dead

ZOMBIES — supposedly corpses brought back to life by black magic—are probably people with psychiatric disor-ders and brain damage, according to a British anthropologist

Voodoo is so much part of the culture in Haiti, where thousands are said to wander the Caribbean island, that "zombification" is considered murder under the penal code, even though the victim is still alive.

Zombies are people whose will, awareness and memory have been stolen by a sorcerer, called a boko. The victim appears to be dead and is usually buried in an above-ground tomb. The boko then steals and re-animates the body, and sets it to work as a slave. Up to 1,000 zombies

are said to be created each year, and they an episode of oxygen starvation. The are frequently recognised by the local scientists wrote in *The Lancet* that it was mlatios.

Their horror-film world was investigated by Professor Roland Littlewood, from the Department of Anthropology and Psychiatry at University College London, with Chavannes Douyon, an expert based at the Polyclinique Medica in Portau-Prince. One "zombie", a 30-year-old woman

who apparently died and was then found wandering near her village three years later, appeared to have a severe psychiatric condition called catatonic schizophrenia, which made her mute and immobile. A 26-year-old man, who also turned up after being buried in a family tomb, seemed to be suffering from brain damage and epilepsy - possibly due to

integrate mentally-ill individuals into society. However, they did not rule out the possibility that poisons — such as the toxin from the puffer fish — may be used by bokos to induce paralysis, after which the victims are stolen from tombs. A substance called Datura stramonium had been suggested as a means of reviving the victims.

The researchers said there was unlikely to be a single explanation for all zombies. "Given that death is locally recognised without access to medical certification, and that burial usually occurs within a day of death, it is not implausible for a retrieved person to be alive," they said.

## Driver guilty of killing five when digger arm hit cars

By Simon de Bruxelles

AN OVERWORKED lorry driver who caused the deaths of five motorists when he forgot to secure the arm of a digger he was transporting was yesterday found guilty of dangerous driving.

The digger's bucket swung loose in the dark and sliced the roofs off five cars, decapitating four drivers and a passenger in the accident near Newquay Mark Wade, the driver of

the low-loader, told Truro Crown Court that he had worked for 15 hours and driven about 500 miles that day for his employers, who the death of Gwynneth were also found guilty. He said he had no training or 19, both from Bodmin; and proper supervision and made fatal safety errors before the accident at Castle-an-Dinas in December 1995.

The court was told that tiredness could have been a factor in Wade's failure to load the digger safely. He did not secure the arm with a pin or chain and dirt caused the hydraulies to fail. Wade said he had never been taught how to secure the digger arm and claimed most drivers did not

use the chain provided. Wade, of St Columb Major, Cornwall, had denied causing

records. Sentencing on Wade was adjourned for social inquiry reports. Both companies will

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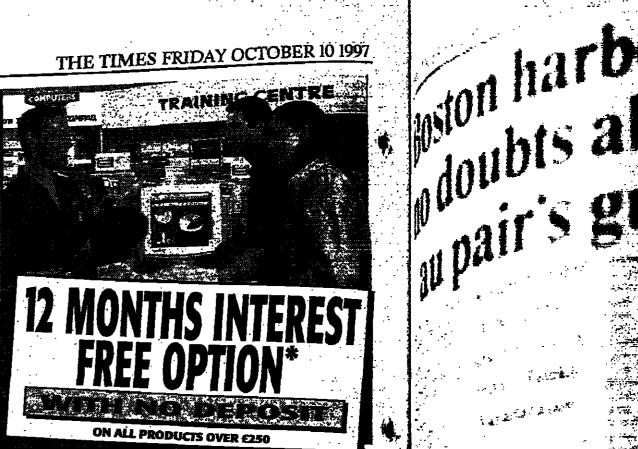
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# Boston harbours no doubts about au pair's guilt

British au pair charged with murdering a nine-month-old boy in her care, ended its third day yesterday, resentful locals remain convinced of her

The people of Cambridge, a pleasant university town dominated by Harvard, and of bustling Boston near by, are riveted by the case. They waste no time in telling you that "she did it" or that "she must have done it".

There is also a simmering resentment against the British ress, which is accused of siding with Miss Woodward and of casting aspersions on the quality of American

Local news interest has been unflagging. Radio talk shows Residents resent

aspersions on

American justice,

reports Tunku Varadarajan

are dominated by it, as is regional television. The front pages of the local papers -The Boston Globe, a broadsheet, and the tabloid Boston Herald - are plastered regularly with her pictures, in which she always appears severe and impassive.

The press fastens on to the minutiae of Miss Woodward's

> from England for the trial, aren't you? What do you think? She did it, didn't she?" At the Green Dragon Tavern in Boston — an Ìrish pub - discussion swiftly turned to Miss Woodward after some routine unpleasantness about Ulster. "Let's face it, chaps," a swiller of dark beer pronounced, "you think she's innocent just because she's from England. Well, things don't work like that around

here, you know.

is accused of killing. Instinc-

tively, the news coverage has been slanted against her; the area is old-fashioned, and

there is great sympathy for the middle-class couple who are grieving for their dead child.

At Sonsie's, a stylish bar in Boston, I spoke to a group of students from Harvard. They

were convinced that Miss

Woodward had killed the boy

in her charge. One said: "You

can see it in her face. I mean,

she's the nanny from hell."

Another, a woman, said:

Sure, she did it. There may be

some doubts, but those will be

resolved as the trial continues.

There is no way that she's going to get off." In adversity, Miss Wood-ward is a ubiquitous figure. At

breakfast today, the waitress at my table said: "You're down

Intriguingly, however, there is an undercurrent of com-



Woodward smiling yesterday: the American press shows her severe-faced

plaint against Deborah Eappen, the dead boy's mother. Marjorie O'Hanlon, a woman in her mid-fifties serving behind a bar, told me: "How could she leave her child in the care of someone she didn't know?

"Okay, she had a job, she was a doctor, she had a good salary. But does she have a baby now? No. I think she

shares some responsibility for choosing not to stay at home." Yesterday, at the trial, the pendulum appeared to have swung back to the prosecution. Patrick Barnes, a neuroradiologist at Boston's Children's Hospital, testified

es on the second day, who suggested that Matthew's injuries may have occurred "up to two weeks before" admission to hospital on February 5, Dr Barnes said that it was inconceivable that the that the injuries sustained by "shaking and impacting" occ-Matthew were "a classic modurred any earlier than a few el of the shaken-impact brain hours before he was admitted

abuse". Unlike some witness-

#### Courtroom clash over expert's testimony

LAWYERS for Miss Wood-ward clashed with an expert prosecution witness yesterday over his claims that Matthey Eappen could not have died from accidental injuries.

Barry Scheck, for the de fence, said to Patrick Barnes, a neuro-radiologist, during cross-examination: "Let us assume on February 4 there was no impact." The doctor said: "That's a hard one to

Mr Scheck then asked him to assume that "there had been some prior bleeding in the brain causing Matthew to have difficulty breathing". Dr Barnes replied: "That is not what happened." Mr Scheck shouted at him:

Were you there?", before Judge Hiller Zobel intervened

to order both men to be silent. Two medical experts conceded on Wednesday that the injuries suffered by Matthew could have been days or weeks old from some of the medical evidence. Dr Barnes said there was nothing in the brain scans he carried out to suggest that.

He ruled out a gentle shaking, a tossing on a bed or a fall in the bathroom as a cause of the brain injuries. "It would certainly have required much more force."

However, he admitted that discarded analysis of a blood clot removed from Matthew's brain could have been 'helpfal'

Miss Woodward, 19, of Elton, near Chester, denies murder. The trial continues.



## Making a splat in the noble cause of science

Patrick Barnes: no evidence of previous brain damage

BY ANJANA AHIJJA

IT PROVES that scientists will study just about any-The annual list of winning topics in the spoof Ig Nobel prizes last night ranged from chicken-plucking to insect splats on car journal Perception. windscreens. It also showed

The trophies foisted upon those whose "achievements cannot or should not be reproduced" are bestowed in milar fields of endeavour as the genuine Nobel prizes, and 1,200 people attended the irreverent ceremony at Harand University.

Among the winners was Bernard Vonnegut (deceased brother of Kurt), from the State University of Albany, awarded the prize for meteo rology for a report on "Chicken Plucking as a Measure of Tornado Wind Speed". Harold Hillman, from the University of Surrey, secured the peace prize for a paper enti-tled The Possible Pain Experienced During Execution by Different Methods in the

The prize for medicine was conferred on a trio of Ameriered that the muzak played in mone system and "thus help to prevent the common cold". The developers of Tamatchi toys walked off with the economics prize "for diverting millions of personhours of work into the

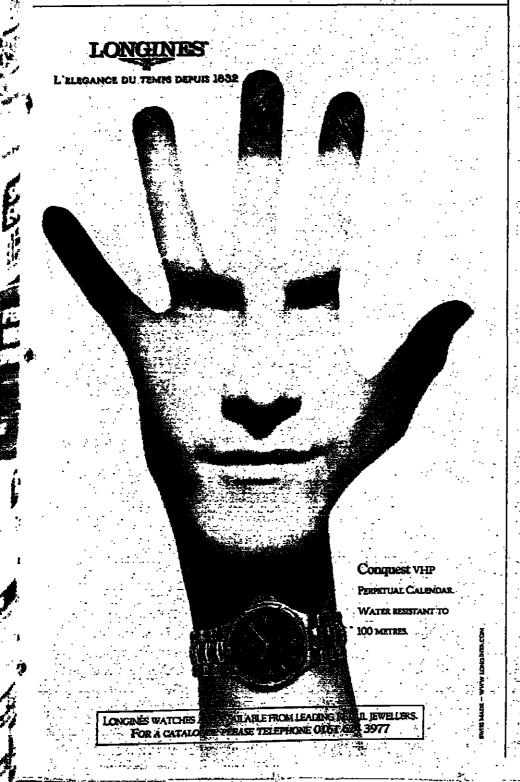
husbandry of virtual pets". A New Jersey author won the accolade for astronomy for identifying "a human face on Mars and ten-mile high buildings on the far side of the moon". The literature prize went to mathematicians responsible for the discovery of a secret code in the Bible, and a Florida entomologist was applauded for his scholarty work That Gunk on Your Car. "which identifies the insect splats that appear on automobile windows

An investigation by Japanese and Czech researchers who chew different flavours of gum picked up the Ig Nobel prize for biology. Real laureates participated

mely William Lipscomb hemistry, 1976) was given away in a Win-a-Date-with-a-Nobel Laureate competition. Plaster casts of laureates' left feet were auctioned to raise money for schools. The event, Annals of Improbable



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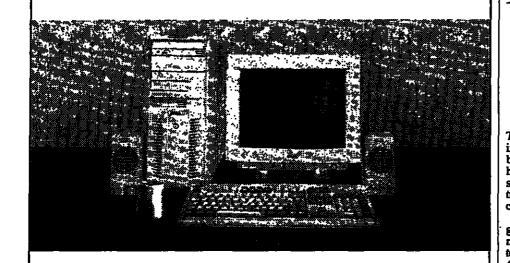
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# Communist Party chief's Secretary worked for MI5 By Michael Evans Pence correspondent RY POLLITI. leader of ritish Communist Party years until his demands a representation of the control of the contro

for 30 years until his death in 1960, sent his secretary to Moscow with sensitive material, unaware that she was working for MIS and that every secret message he trans-mitted to his Soviet paymasters was being decoded by Britain's intelligence services.

Thousands of messages transmitted secretly by radio in the mid-1930s by Pollitt and other Communists were de-coded by the Government Code and Cypher School under Operation Mask. The files, marked "Most Secret". which have been held by GCHQ, the signals intelli-gence centre in Cheltenham, were released yesterday by the Public Record Office in Kew, southwest London.

One of the most intriguing messages between Moscow and Pollitt concerned the expected arrival in the Soviet capital of an Ann Gray and "a suitcase containing important

This was a reference to a woman also known as Olga Gray, who at 19 was recruited by Maxwell Knight, MI5's master agent-runner, and be-came Pollitt's secretary in the early 1930s. He used to send



her on "secret" missions. Pollitt transmitted a message on April 5, 1936, to a controller codenamed Abraham: "Stewart declares that Ann Gray has a suitcase containing imortant material." On April 10, Moscow sent back a message after Pollitt's secretary had arrived: "Received suitcase Anne Grey (sic). Books promised not enclosed."

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Unaware that his whole organisation had been pene-

trated and bugged by MI5, Pollitt remained in constant touch with his Soviet controllers in the Communist International (Comintern), the international body set up by the Soviet Union to co-ordinate Communist activities.

Money was one of his prime concerns and hundreds of his messages refer to payments that were made via Stockholm. The money was paid in

francs or sometimes French francs. One of Moscow's orders was for Pollitt and the Com-

munist Party to mount a campaign to support the trials in Moscow of Trotsky and Grigori Zinoviev, pres the Comintern who had been charged with being in league with the Fascists. His efforts, however, were not good enough for Moscow, which

cow from an agent in London from Stockholm 24,000 Dutch guilders and 2,200 Swedish krones, equal to £3,344/5/9.".

Pollitt used to be paid monthly in advance. sometimes he admitted he was in financial trouble.

In 1934 he was put on trial but was acquitted. He was congratulated by Moscow. But Pollitt replied: Thanks for congratulations ... but it cost £400, repeat £400. What about that side of it? Would you like to see me arrested for

'Several messages also revealed Pollitt's annovance over Moscow's insistence on him sending female students to attend a special training establishment called Wilson School.

On November 7, 1934, Pollitt sent the following message to Moscow: "Why give me a dog's life about girl students? Sending you two by steamer, leaving this week. Do you want all the women we have?. Begin suspect you personally

keep harem."
Five days later, a message came from Moscow: "Desire

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because of its range of expression." Mr Lockwood said. "It tion of a university degree course in harmonica studies. Steve Lockwood, 30, has given up his job as singer and musician in his own jive band can sound camp-fire classicalto begin a three-year course at ly sad or very lively and Anglia University in Camhappy. You can play classical, bridge. Instead of studying classical composers, he will blues, folk and jazz. The harmonica is totally accessible - you can take it anyanalyse the work of leading where and it can be played by Mr Lockwood is cutting down on foreign tours with Larry Adler and Sonny Boy

As the only student on the harmonica course, Mr Locktion of his course. "I want to write classical and modern music for the harmonica. But my ultimate aim is to become professor of the harmonica at a university," he

There are professors of the harmonica in other parts of the world, but I think it would be a first in Britain."

Larry Adler. 84, who first played the mouth organ professionally at the age of 14, welcomed Mr Lockwood's commitment. "I have never nd of an degree in the harmonica but I think it's a fine idea. I hope he succeeds in his ambition to become a professor.

## **Experts discount** deadly flu virus

seasonal outbreak of influenza viruses say that a deadly new strain isolated in Hong Kong will not disrupt their plans for this year's immunisation programme. The virus, H5N1, was

detected in a three-year-old boy who caught the disease and died from pneumonia in May. Experts at the National Influenza Centre in Rotterdam fear that it could trigger a worldwide epidemic, echoing the influenza epidemics of 1918

A spokesman for the Public Health Laboratory Service's

DOCTORS preparing for the Diseases said last night: "We do not consider this a threat to any communities, especially in the West." The strain contracted by the boy was found to have come from chickens at his preschool centre. The spokesman said they believed it would remain an avian phenomenon. H5and other avian viruses are not transmissible within the human population. The fact. it supports this theory." Public health experts are not year beraise Britons have built up immunity to the flur

viruses heading this way from

A glass of whatever you fancy gladdens the heart By IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

BEER, wine or spirits drunk in moderation are all good for reducing the risk of heart disease in people over 50, according to research published yesterday. There has been considerable

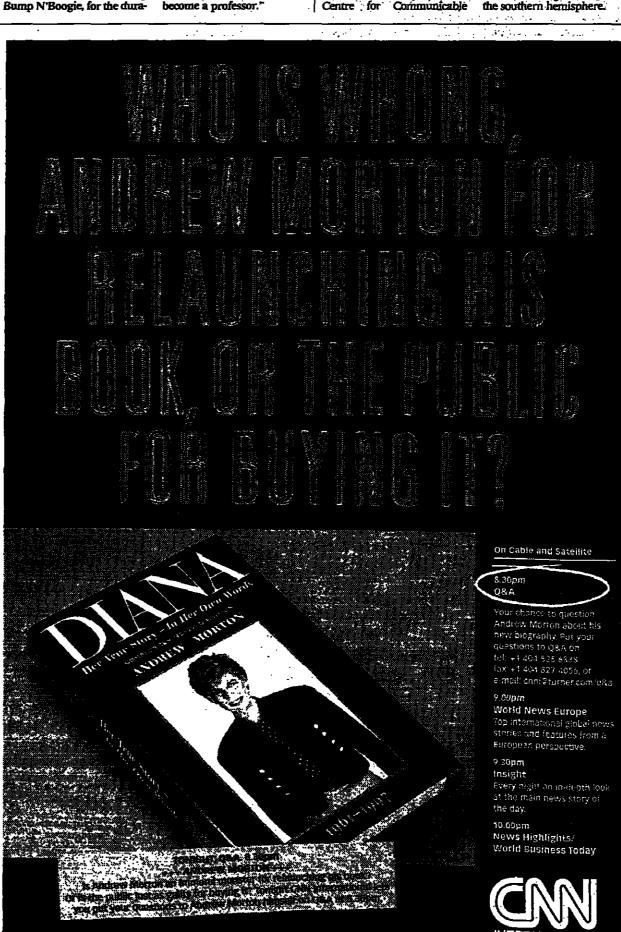
evidence in the past that red wine drunk in small quantities regularly is good for the heart. However, Arthur Klatsky, a professor at the Kaiser Centre in Oakland, California, told a London conference that beer, especially German beer, was better for the hearts of men. Wine was better than beer for women's hearts, although there was no particular advantage in red over white.

A quarter of the people in the developed world die of heart disease, and the confer-ence at the Novartis Foundation was told that in people over 50, those who drank up to three units a day were 25 per cent less likely to suffer from cardiovascular disease. Although there was no clear

idea of how alcohol protected the heart, evidence pointed to the fact that it increased levels of high-density lipoprotein -known as the "good cholesterol" - which reduced the risk of a stroke. The important factor in taking alcohol as a medicine was never to go on a binge, but to maintain a small regular intake.

When studies are controlled for lifestyle, education, drinking habits and beverage preference, a small amount of alcohol seems to protect men and women to the same degree," Peter Anderson of the World Health Organisation

☐ The first television commercial by a heart-disease charity will be shown tonight during Channel 4's Brookside. It is part of a four-week campaign by the British Heart Foundation to shock the public into realising that coronary dis-ease kills 1,300 more people under 50 each year than do



# World of riches lies at England players' feet

footballers achieve in their World Cup qualifier in Rome on Saturday they have already earned the distinction of being the wealthiest team ever to leave these shores.

But rich as they are, man for man their Italian opponents make a lot more. Already on ar better salaries, the Italians whave each been offered a £40,000 bonus to win, compared with England's E10,000.

The England squad insist that the money does not matter, of course. The ubiquitous football agents tell a different story. One said yesterday: "Players use these games to compare their deals and no teams do it better than

these two,"
Gianfranco Zola, Italy's star
striker, has boasted to teammates how he improved his salary by moving to England. where Chelsea pay him 25,000 a week. His partner in attack, Christian Vieri, did better by moving to Spain, where he gets £40,000 a week

Guy Feld, a City analyst with Union Bank of Switzerland, said: These are the two wealthiest teams without any doubt, and their financial prospects are going only one way - up. By the time of the World Cup finals next summer many of them will have doubled their basic wage."

in their last survey of wages in the FA Carling Premier-ship, in 1996, Deloitte & Touche found that players' salaries had risen by 25 per cent on average from the previous season. In the 1994-95 season the Premiership

wage bill was £172,683.000. Players such as Teddy Sheringham, who moved to Manchester United from Tottenham Hotspur for £3.5 million, secured a E20,000-a-week pay deal, while his likely striking partner on Saturday,

Italy would win easily on pay, but Premiership of the World Cup finals is Manchester United's David

Beckham, 21. This will not be

from his salary alone as last

year he signed a five-year

wage deal worth ELS million.

However, his highly publi-cised relationship with a Spice Girl helped to secure an advertising deal with Bryl-creem worth El million and a

four-year contract with Adidas for £800,000 a year. Alan

Shearer, currently injured, earns £37,000 a week and is

36th among Britain's wealthy

Eric Hall, a football agent,

said: "English football is just beginning to realise its mar-

keting potential. When Gazza

cried in the World Cup finals

he made a million from advertising contracts. When Gareth Southgate missed the penalty

that out us out of Euro 96 he

made more from doing pizza

adverts on television than the

Team prepares, pages 44, 48

players who scored."

under-30-year-olds

is catching up quickly, writes

Daniel McGrory improved his contract to £16,000 a week. Paul Ince

confessed he took a wage cut to leave Internazionale in Italy to join Liverpool, but even in such reduced circumstances he gets £25,000 a week. The club paid him a £500,000 signing-on fee in addition to a slice of his £5 million transfer. Mr Feld said: "Add to that players' bonuses, their en-

dorsements, advertising and merchandising contracts and you see why they are mill-In a survey earlier this month of the hundred wealthiest Britons under 30, The Times found that four are

members of the England squad. Paul Ince, 29, is estimated to be worth £3 million. On top of his basic wage at Anfield he collected £1.5 million for his two recent transfers that were worth Ell million, and has signed a £500,000-a-year deal to wear Adidas boots. Paul Gascoigne is said to be

paid £1 million a year. As well as his £20,000-a-week basic wage from Glasgow Rangers he has a £300,000-a-year deal to wear Predator boots for Adidas and can add as much again from advertisements for Walker's Crisps, and from appearances on television and in magazines such as Hello which bought the exclusive rights to photograph his

The man most likely to earn



David Beckham, left, who has a £1 million contract with Brylcreem, and Glenn Hoddle, England's coach

## Italians step up security as fans arrive for game

FROM RICHARD DUCE IN ROME

ENGLAND fans had their called in to advise the Italians first taste of the intensive security planned for the World Cup qualifying match with Italy as they stepped off the plane in Rome yesterday.

The Italian police are determined that troublemakers who arrive without tickets for the 80,000-seat sell-out clash on Saturday evening will be kept away from the Stadio Olimpico. Supporters arriving early were asked to produce their

match tickets as well as passports at Fiumicino airport before they were allowed to travel on to the capital where 10,000 England fans are exspected to arrive by the kickoff. Passengers not attending the game had to provide proof of their travel plans in Rome. Italian police have aiready organised a triple cordon around the football stadium for Saturday. Supporters can expect to be searched four times. The only exceptions will be local residents who have been issued with passes. Alcohol has also been banned

from sale in the area of the

ground from 7am on Satur-

British police have been

day until 7am on Sunday.

on known troublemakers. They estimate that up to 700 England fans with soccerrelated convictions will travel

At airports in England yes-terday, "spotters" from the National Criminal Intelligence Service were taking photographs of passengers on flights to Rome. The pictures will be used by Italian police to identify the culprits if there

The potential for violence is not being underestimated by observers of the game in Italy. A victory for either side would jeopardise the chances of the other qualifying for the finals in France next year.

Yesterday England soccer fans reported a thriving black market in tickets. One fan said: "£100 will get you in

Adrian Holloway, 23, a trainee accountant of Ealing. West London, who has a ticket through the England Travel Club, said he and his friends had met 20 touts selling tickets anywhere in the ground. Police aimed to re-duce the risk of violence by strictly segregating rival fans.





Laughing all the way to the bank: Teddy Sheringham yesterday. He got a £20,000 a week deal by moving

#### Pubs will net £20m in World Cup spree

PUBS and clubs expect to make 120 million profit as football fairs crowd in to watch England's World Cup match against Italy, which is being shown live only on satellite and cable television.

Some pubs are selling tickets for entrance to watch the match on their screens — one bar in Noungham has sold 1,000 at £2 each — but the main profit will come from extra drinks and food.

Some bars are selling tickets for special meals, and stretchthe event out to a whole day. One pub is showing a replay of the 1966 World Cup Final in the afternoon to get fans in the mood.

MPs and others had tried to have the match screened on terrestrial channels as well, but the game can be seen live only on Sky. BSkyB is an associate company of The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*. ITV is showing the game in

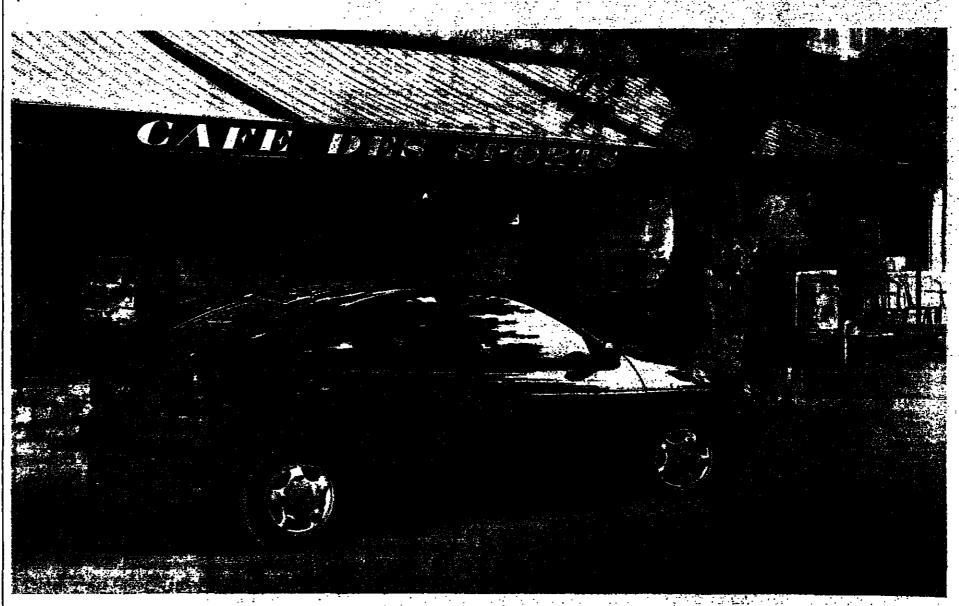
full at 10pm, soon after the England's semi-final defeat in Euro 96 made £26 million for clubs and pubs.





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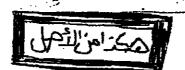
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THE grandson of Oscar Wilde yesterday accused the makers of a film biography of concentrating on his homosexuality to the exclusion of almost all else, including his

Merlin Holland, 51, expressed outrage and regret at a lost opportunity: "This is a film which at best leaves those people unfamiliar with Wilde with an impression of him as a man who jumped in and out of bed with young men."

His homosexuality, for which the dramatist was sentenced in 1895 to two years' hard labour in prison, should have been only part of the film, Mr Holland said. Shortly after reading the script, and feeling that his criticisms were falling on deaf ears. Mr Hol-land, a writer, turned down a E5,000 fee to be a consultant.

He has refused an invitation to the premiere of Wilde opens next Friday. starring Stephen Fry, claiming that the makers had gone beyond artistic licence. "When they found the film was too long, they cut the only two real literary scenes: about his life



The young Oscar, by an unknown artist

as a journalist and the reception of Dorian Gray."
He added: "If I went to the

premiere people would be coming up, saying, 'Isn't it a wonderful film' or 'What do you think of the film?" I don't want to be put in that

He claims that, of 109 scenes, Il feature physical contact of a sexual nature, while a further 30 touch on homosexuality through dialogue or body language. "And that's not to mention the

offensive scenes, he said, featured Wilde playing voyeur to Alfred "Bosie" Douglas with a rent boy at the Savoy, for which Mr Holland said there was no evidence,

It was the scandalous affair with Douglas that led to Wilde's downfall. His wife, Constance, fled the country with their two sons and changed the family name to Holland. Her grandson spoke of being disturbed by a scene showing photographs of half-naked Sicilian fisherboys being found in Wilde's desk: That gives it a sort of grubby feel which I can't believe was there, given what we know about him. It turns Oscar into

a dirty paedophile."

He contrasted Wilde with two earlier films, starring Robert Morley (1959) and Peter Finch (1960). Both were so prim that they failed to show the lovers even holding hands. Wilde, he said, had gone to the other extreme and failed to balance his homosexuality with his love for his

Mr Holland also criticised minor factual errors and questioned why Wilde's first trial



the first trial ends with Wilde going to his solicitor's office and confirming that he is withdrawing his libel action against the Marquess of Queensberry, Douglas's father, "What happened was more dramatic. He withdrew

in open court." Hearing of the criticisms, Marc Samuelson, co-producer of the film, said: "I don't

regard Merlin Holland as a film critic of any note. So whatever he may think is negated by some of the as-toundingly positive reviews

"He also has a book to sell which is coming out, funnily enough, at the same time as the film. It absolutely does not sensationalise anything. Anyone who sees the film will

The director Brian Gilbert said of Mr Holland: "I've had many conversations with him. He is simply another opinion. I listened very attentively to him. But the evidence about anyone's sexual life is largely speculative." Commenting on the voyeuristic scene, he said:

went on between Wilde and Bosie. As far as we can tell. their own sexual relationship was over very soon. Of what went on behind closed doors, there is little evidence, apart from what others witnessed at the hotel. We do know he led

Oscar into rough trade." Mr Gilbert added that a film could not convey the

substitute for reading his work. Had he been a compos er or painter, it would be easy to give evidence of his work. We were essentially trying to convey the quality of his sensibility. Wilde himself said that he put his genius into his life and only his talent into his

Merlin Holland, page 35

## Letters record Crimean horror

By Alan Hamilton

FIRST-HAND accounts of the appalling conditions suffered by British troops fighting in the Crimean War have surfaced in London, and are expected to

make at least £30,000 at auction. The war of 1854-56 ranks low among the strategic turning-points of world history but it sticks forever in the memory thanks to two writers: Tennyson and William Howard Russell, correspondent of *The* Times. The Poet Laureate recorded the bungling incompetence that annihilated the Light Brigade, and the war reporter uncovered the suffering that led directly to the arrival of Florence Nightingale and

the birth of modern nursing.
Vivid descriptions of the conditions endured by the men caught up in a grim contained in a collection of their letters

and postal historian Kelly Tighe, which will be sold at Spink, the auctioneers, on

They tell of incompetent leadership, extremes of temperature, disease and almost non-existent medical facilities. One letter, from Lieutenant Clement Heneage, a survivor of the "six hundred" in the Valley of Death at Balaclava, is unflattering of his superior officers at the Charge of the Light Brigade.

In a note to his wife in Wiltshire, Heneage wrote: "We like Cardigan and

get on well with him; (Lord) Lucan is a ruffian and Sir G(eorge) Brown a thundering snob who will not allow us to have any porter served out, though there are thousands of gallons of it at Varna."

The son of the Earl of Mayo wrote to his father in Ireland describing conditions at home, assembled by the late philatelist Scutari hospital. "A steamer came down Snodgrass. God help us."

the other day with sick, not provided with shot which is always sewn up with the dead body to make it sink immediately. Consequently the bodies kept floating about when they were thrown over."

In another letter he has praise "only for Miss Florence Nightingale, who has furnished a great part of the hospital with forms, tables, tin plates, etc ... I don't know what the sick would have done without her."

The collection includes one letter from W. H. Russell who, writing to a T. Angell at British Post Office headquarters, after a disastrous British attack on the Great Redan, inquired despairingly: "When sending back bearer with letters, etc, can you spare the time for a line to say if you hear anything about the cause of our failure, etc. Poor Yea, poor Crocker, poor

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### Masterpiece by Michelangelo on sale for £4m

By OUR ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A DRAWING by Michelangelo has appeared on the 1807. As one of only two of his works to have been offered in the past two decades, it is expected to fetch about £4 million at auction.

Christ and the Woman of Samaria, a black chalk study, is among a handful of Michelangelo drawings in private hands, it is being sold by Swiss foundation established by Martin Bodmer, a noted pibliophile, shortly before his death in 197L Measuring 17 by 13in, the study is one of the master's largest drawings.

Gregory Rubinstein, director of Old Master drawings for Sotheby's, which will be selling it in New York, described it as a monumental and poetic late work: "It is a museum-quality work, a ma-jor drawing by Michelangelo on any ground. It's a great work by one of the greatest artists who ever lived. The two main figures are remarktechnical skill with which they have been developed: the figure of Christ is rapidly drawn. with bold, parallel strokes and several obvious alterations, while the woman of Samaria is much more highly finished and elaborately mod-

Michelangelo (1475-1564), is known to have presented a his patron, the poet Vittoria Colonna, in about 1542 or 1543 - shortly after completing the. ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. That drawing has long been

This one has a provenance that includes Cardinal Santa Croce in the 17th century. Mr Rubinstein said that no one is sure when Bodmer bought it. as there are no archives at the foundation. Before its sale on January

28, it will be exhibited around the world, stopping in London between November 30 and December 2.

#### Poets use e-mail to avenge **Net loss**

POETS marked National Poetry Day yesterday with an email campaign to stop the illegal reproduction of their work on the Internet, claiming they are losing fees.

Wendy Cope said at the launch of Poets Have Rights Too that she had dedicated a new poem, The Law of Copyright, to it. The Poetry Society will send the poem - last line. I bloody well hope you get caught" - to any offenders in their electronic mail.

"What annoys me is that we are meant to be so grateful if someone bothers to reproduce our work," Cope said. "We are entitled to be paid for a photocopy, or for the Internet, or for performances."

Dylan Thomas was one of the most popular poets on the Net, even though his work was still in copyright, Chris Zielinski, of the Authors Licensing and Collecting Society, said. "It's an act of homage, but also of piracy."



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# Teacher of the year helped Josie to talk again after attack

By John O'Leary, education editor London. Still reluctant to

speak and wearing a hat to cover her injuries, Josie joined her old friends to congratulate

Mrs Roberts on picking up a E10,000 prize for the school.

Dr Russell said that her

teacher had been the linchpin

of Josie's recovery. "She was almost like a second mother."

had two children of her own

in Josie's class, said she had

not expected her tapes to be so

effective, but she knew in-stinctively how to handle her

return to school. She had

organised a tea party with

Josie's classmates when she

left hospital and had then

Mrs Roberts, who is 44 and

who helped ten-year-old Josie Russell to recover the power of speech after witnessing the murder of her mother and sister was named yesterday as teacher of the year.

Josie was left for dead alongside the bodies of her mother, Lin, and six-year-old sister, Megan. They had been attacked while walking home from Goodnestone Primary School, near Canterbury, in Kent, by an assailant who is still at large. Lynda Roberts, Josie's class

teacher, recorded stories and poems to play to her as she lay in hospital unable to communicate. When Josie began to recover, Mrs Roberts helped her to settle back into school.

tried to give her a normal school life. "I have had a lot of special experiences in the last year Josie and her father, Shaun. that, fortunately, no other teacher has had." Mrs Robhave since moved back to their native Wales. But she erts said. "Josie and I are just was reunited with her teacher and classmates yesterday at good friends. We had a really

Mrs Roberts beat more than 1,000 entrants for the Disney-sponsored prize. Daryl Peek, Goodnestone's head teacher, who nominated her, said she was the best

teacher she had met.
Dr Russell said his daughter did not realise that Mrs out of the ordinary, although she always liked and respected her. "She is not only a conscientious teacher, but also a caring and emotional person, who can bring out the emotional qualities of the children. That is the best possible

combination for a teacher." Mrs Roberts, who has taught at the 100-pupil school for six years, said she hoped the award would help to improve the image of teachers.

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## Mystery as moors hide secret of who got the goats

A WHODUNNIT mystery began as villagers looked out on a moorland valley and realised that it looked even emptier than usual. More than 60 goats had been stolen from England's only wild

Rumours spread over possible motives for the strange disappearance at the Valley of the Rocks on Exmoor. Some noted that the goats had been Others said that rustlers may have been alerted to the presence of easy meat, by publicity last month for a campaign to preserve the ancient breed which featured

in Lorna Doone. Local residents who had formed a Friends of the Goat society for a breeding prothey were heartever, the truth may never be police said they are powerless to investigate: the eoais are noi owned by any-one and there-

fore no crime has been committed. Unlit cattle trucks were reported to have been the valley.

The Valley of the Rocks.

near Lynton, north Devon, is a popular tourist attraction. The goats are descended from domestic animals that escaped or were abandoned by smallholders more than 200 years ago, and include the few surviving examples of a breed which dates back to neolithic times. Although many of the herd are cross-breeds, a significant number were the variety called Old English.

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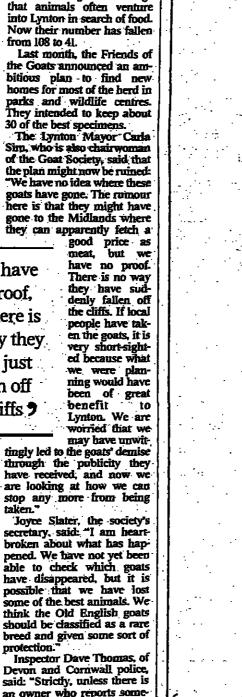
benefit Lynton. We are worried that we may have unwitthrough the publicity they have received and now we are looking at how we can

control through regular culls vestigate a case as a theft." the 1980s led to the practice



stop any more from being taken." Joyce Slater, the society's secretary, said: "I am heartpened. We have not yet been able to check which goats have disappeared, but it is possible that we have lost some of the best animals. Wethink the Old English goats should be classified as a rare

Inspector Dave Thomas, of Devon and Cornwall police, said: "Strictly, unless there is an owner who reports some-thing missing, we cannot in-



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# Hague hardens line against single currency TILLIAM HAGUE gave notice turchy that he intends to light in ext. general election on a storn of opposition to the straight entry. TOTY Euro-enthusiasts have overreached themselves and the leader is not for fudging, writes Philip Webster Toty Euro-enthusiasts have overreached themselves and the leader is not for fudging, writes Philip Webster Toty Euro-enthusiasts have to be taken in the straight on the function of the straight in the straight of the straight

who believed that they had been granted a let-out by the policy of ruling out monetary union for the foreseeable future, a position which one said this week could mean that Britain might enter "next Tues-

The Euro-enthusiasts may have overreached themselves. Far from softening his line, Mr Hague is expected to firm up the Shadow Cabinet position on the single currency over the next few weeks.

quit, and where some MPs -- they hope not many - will follow Hugh Dykes out of the party.

The Tory leader has decided that

the single currency is a vote-winner for his party — that it is the clearest area of blue water between himself and Tony Blair.

Yesterday at the Conservativge Party conference at Blackpool Mr Hague was still emphasising that Britain would not enter a single currency in the foreseeable future.

annoyed Mr Hague by depicting that position as a retreat from his previously stated stance that he would rule out at the next election entry into a single currency for the following Parliament — effectively for ten years.

They have given excited briefings that "foreseeable future" could mean quite soon. That is not Mr Hague's position, and his colleagues are about to find out. The Tory leader has told friends that he

Cabinet to sign up formally to Mr Hague's stance on EMU of "not for ten years". He was clearly hoping to be able to announce that policy to the conference in his setpiece speech as Shadow Foreign Secretary. If the Shadow Cabinet meeting had been fully attended he might even have got his way. But because three members, David Curry, Sir George Young (both enthusiasts) and Stephen Dorrell, were absent Mr Hague decided to

But now Mr Hague's friends are making it starkly clear that that the formula is merely a holding position. At some point shortly they will be asked to agree something very close to the "not in the next Parliament" position on which he won the leadership. His own position has not changed an iota, he tells associates.

His speech today at the end of the conference will signal the start of the process of clearing up any

does not want to accused of adopting the kind of fudge with which John Major tried to keep his

warring factions together. So the message from the Hague camp is clear: the Conservatives are opposed to the single currency for as far into the distance as can

If Mr Blair makes a move towards the single currency in the near future - an unlikely scenario - be will go on the attack. By allowing backbenchers a free vote

team, his frontbenchers can go to the back benches and exercise their

Mr Hague believes that he can maintain a policy that the overwhelming majority of his party will either support enthusiastically, or at least live with. But if there have to be a few casualties, so be it.

## Lilley promises new policies after listening to Britain

POLITICAL REPORTER

PETER LILLEY promised an overhaul of all Tory policies yesterday in an attempt to modernise the party and make it more responsive to the needs of the British people.

The Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer heralded a mass consultation which will see Tory Shadow ministers and MPs travelling round the country listening to voters from all parts of society.

At the same time, ordinary party members will hold workshops with local people while Tory committees in the Commons will set up special inquiries to take evidence on policy issues. The consultation is expected to take about 18 months, after which the new policies will be decided.

In a speech to the Tory conference Mr Lilley also gave a fresh warning about a single European currency. Acknowledging the damage caused by the "debacle" over the exchange-rate mechanism, he promised: "We must be extremely cautious about embarking on any future European monetary adventures. I promise you, we have in Britain's interests to join next Christmas. "They would to guide our response."



Lilley: hopes to win back the disenchanted

now, he said, because our economic cycle was out of phase with that of the Conti-Britain's interests to join now, it would be illogical to commit us to join at some future date." Mr Lilley said that although Tory policies could not be blamed for the general election defeat, they still needed to be renewed to adapt to changing circumstances. He promised that the party would not "rush off into a back room with cold towels round our heads" to produce a set of party would go out and talk to the people. That is an enormous task in itself." he said. 'It will involve a massive and sustained exercise of consult-

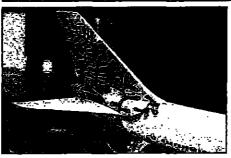
ation and listening."

The party would listen to business and the professions, churches and charities, nurses and doctors, teachers and students, scientists and academics. "The very process of consultation will help us re-establish links with many groups who have become disenchanted with us.

If they see we are genuinely determined to listen to them, that we are not rigidly defending past policies, but eager to learn from their experience and tailor our policies to their future needs."

After what he called the "listening to Britain" phase of the process, the Shadow Cabinet would develop policies to produce a "programme for Britain". He said: "We will face immense challenges from new technologies, new competition from emerging countries, and new demands as people's expectations increase. The world will become more complex, more competitive and demanding. So we will





Lady Thatcher showing BA what she thinks of its new range of logo designs

By Damian Whitworth

BRITISH AIRWAYS experienced a bout of turbulence yesterday as Baroness Thatcher attacked the company for failing sufficiently to fly the British flag. The BA staff who encountered the former Prime Minister in full flight are unlikely to forget the experience.

Lady Thatcher protested at BA's new aircraft logos, which, on most planes, do not include the Union Jack. When she and her husband, Sir Denis, stopped at the airline's stand at the Blackpool conference hall, she squared up to an official, wagged her finger at him and declared: "We fly the British flag, not these awful things you are putting on tails." Then, to the astonishment of onlookers, and murmuring

**Thatcher** flies into a rage at

**BA logos** "absolutely terrible", she took a handkerchief from her handbag and draped it over the tail of a model plane to obscure its logo, an image from the Kalahari of jackals

under a tree. BA is repainting its planes with logo designs from around the world, replacing union flag that featured on all its aircraft until this June. Now only the Concorde fleet the union flag. Within three years the rest of BA's 309 planes will feature 75 different images, including half a dozen from Britain. Sir Denis joined in the

attack, singling out a Dutch design featuring Delft pot-tery. "For Christ's sake, why can't we have British designs?" he demanded. He was told some of the designs were British. Having made her point, Lady Thatcher turned on her heel and left the exhibition stand.

A BA spokesman said: "We are always delighted to welcome Baroness Thatcher to our stand or on board our aircraft. Today we had a lighthearted discussion with her about our new identity, which we enjoyed. She has always been a great support-er of all things British and so

## It's now time to benefit from freedom of Opposition.

thought. This week's Conservative conference has had an intellectual hole in the middle. Too many frontbench speeches have been hollow, long on strained humility and short

The leadership line has been that this is the week for contrition. We have sinned. And we will listen - to anyone, anywhere. Obvious-ly, it would be daft to produce detailed policies now. The lengthy reviews announced yesterday by Peter Lilley makes sense. But that is being used as an excuse not to think. Most Tory spokesmen do not seem to appreciate the disinction between thought and policymaking. It is possible to speculate without making election pledges.

This week, there has been a mixture of smng self-justifica-tion about the Tories' legacy trather at odds with the proestations of humility), vacu-

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principles (spare us appeals to One Nation, please) and pleas for tolerance. Of course, Michael Portillo is right that the party needs to show that it understands the diversity of British society. But the Tories need to go

further, to use the freedom of Opposition to consider the changes facing Britain. Some spokesmen — notably Peter Lilley and David Willetts have begun that process. Most striking of all, there have been signs of rethinking where it is most needed, over the constitution. Ironically, this has come from the aristocratic duo of Robert Cran-borne and Michael Ancram.

In the past, the Tory response to the Centre-Left's constitutional reform programme has been negative, to give warning of the conse-quences (both intended and unintended). But this is both passive and unconvincing, as the result of the Scottish (if not the Welsh) referendum showed. A Government with a majority of the size that Labour now has is going to implement its programme and the Tories need to leap ahead in order to remain part of the debate. If, as they claim, Labour is threatening the structure of our constitution. then the Tories should be Mr Ancram has gone some

way along this road. He argued that for the first time in our history, we [the Tories] must adopt a pro-active approach to constitutional reform". His main focus this week has been on devolution trying to improve the Scottish and Welsh proposals and putting forward his own ideas for handling English business in the new circumstances, in order to protect and strengthen the Union. His options, such as excluding Scottish MPs from voting on designated English busi ness, having English-only days and creating an English Parliament, all have drawbacks. But none is being nised, by the Government.

Lord Cranborne, whose views appeared in The Times yesterday, focused in his Politeia lecture last night on the interconnections of various constitutional changes. and the threat from incorporation of the European Convention of Human Rights and the line of authority from people to Parliament and on

ithout sharing Lord Cranborne's fears about all these proposals, he is right to emphasise the implications for Parliament and on the need to reinvigorate it. The executive is being strengthened at the expense of the legislature, not least through the use of pre-legislative referendums. His lordship is correct to press for rules on the laid out and legislated for in Parliament. Moreover, reform of the Lords is much more than just a matter of the future of hereditary peers. It is about the role of Parliament as a whole.

Instead of just denouncing, the Tories need to start thinking ahead about what the constitution, Britain's relations with Europe and society will be like in five or ten years' time. William Hague could cap a successful week for him. by making a start today.

PETER RIDDELL

#### TODAY'S AGENDA

Presentation of constituency awards; financial appeal from Baroness Miller of Hendon; and William Hague's main speech to the conference (11.30am).

## Ancram urges second referendum for Wales

By James Landale, political reporter

MICHAEL ANCRAM yester- conference, Mr Ancram did day called for a fresh referendum to be held on Welsh devolution as he made a fierce attack on Labour's plans for constitutional reform.

The Tories' spokesman on constitutional affairs said that the extremely close result in the Welsh referendum last month "in no sense established the settled will of the Welsh people\*. Devolution supporters won by a margin of just 0.6 per cent over their opponents, with only half the electorate turning out to vote. Mr Ancram said that the

legislation to set up a Welsh assembly might not take into account the genuine fears and concerns expressed by voters. "We must therefore allow for the possibility that the question might have to be put again to the Welsh people before an assembly could proceed with any real constitu-

Speaking in a debate on constitutional affairs at the

say that the Tories should nevertheless learn to live with Welsh devolution if it went ahead. The Tories would campaign for mechanisms to protect minority voters across Wales who feared domination by those in the South East, where the assembly would be located. One possibility, he said, could involve "weighted voting" on specific subjects such as discretionary spend-

ing or inward investment. Mr Ancram attacked the Government's "cynical and wholesale vandalisation" of the British constitution. "We are quite simply facing a Labour programme of piecemeal constitutional reform which within a generation or less could dismantle our United Kingdom, undermine our great institutions and make

retary, who said on BBC 2's

redundant our Union flag." However, he was contradicted by Sir Malcolm Rifkind, the former Foreign SecConference Live: "I think the United Kingdom will survive. I do not subscribe to the view that the United Kingdom is going to break up." Mr Ancram said that the

Tories should adopt a new approach towards Labour's constitutional reforms, which would make Britain's system of government "unrecognisable" in five years. "Evolutionary change is no longer an option. Conservatives must adopt a more radical approach, one which identifies the threat now posed to our system of government and which formulates a strategy to

neutralise that threat." One such approach being put about by Mr Ancram is to turn the House of Commons into an "England-only" chamber for a couple of days each week in response to Scottish and Welsh devolution. Scot-tish and Welsh MPs would be excluded from the chamber as MPs discussed affairs that solely concerned England.

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A darling of the glossy books set has brought out the former minister's

gentler side, writes Andrew Pierce

A YOUNG Turk of the literary world has emerged as an influence behind Michael Portillo's unexpected public conversion to a new era of sexual tolerance.

Mr Portillo. stormtrooper of the Thatcherite right with its disdain for single parents and homosex-ual relationships, has spent much of the summer reading the works of Alain de Botton. The 27-year-old author,

whose musings on the psy-chology of love have made him the new darling of the glossy books set, has written a criti-cally acclaimed work on Marcel Proust, the gay French writer on society and manners: How Proust Can Change Your Life.
Mr de Botton said last

night: "I met Michael Portillo three weeks ago and he told me that my book had made quite an impact. It turned him back to reading Proust.

"I realised that Michael

Portillo is a cultured man who has thought very deeply about art, life, love and Proust. I think he has had plenty of time to reflect on life since the general election."

Having read Mr de Botton's

of his three novels on the agonies of twentysomething relationships, the former De fence Secretary devoured Proust's seven-volume, In Search of Lost Time

"As a politician I never warmed to Michael Portillo's public persona but in private he was charming and highly intelligent. It is true he never appeared tolerant when he was in government but that might be because of the way he was portrayed in the media. Maybe this is a return to what he always was. I do not think it is a conversion to sexual tolerance. I think it is a reconversion," said Mr de Botton:

Friends believe that Mr Portillo, who voted for 18 in the age of consent Bill, privately supports an equal age of

The change certainly took Tory delegates by surprise, who recalled Mr Portillo's tubthumping speeches as Chief Secretary to the Treasury on the need to cut the benefit-bill for single parents.

Mr Portillo has had little

personal experience of the alternative family unit or divorce. He was brought up in a



Michael Portillo and one of his adviser's works

one of four children who are themselves happily married. Mr Portillo, has been married to Carolyn Eadie, a City headhunter for 15 years. The ceremony was at a register office. The couple, who throw celebrated parties, wanted to save as much money as possible for the reception.

Friends of Mr Portillo made clear yesterday that his remarks when he was at the Treasury were more to do with the economic consequences of the mounting bill for single parents rather than morality.

One associate said: "He has used the time out of office to think and reconnect. He realised that the party had become so obsessed with its own problems. It became so inward looking it almost never noticed the massive changes which were going on in the widely seen as successor to John Major, has relaxed and seen more of his friends, many of whom are gay. He has also read the essays of Edmund Burke, the 18th century Conservative thinker, who was famously tolerant of persecuted minorities such as the Indians and slaves. Mr de Botton, a bachelor

defeat, Mr Portillo, who was

who recently separated from his girlfriend, went to Cambridge where he studied political history under Maurice Cowling, Mr Portillo's mentor at Peterhouse,

The Swiss-born Mr de Botton, the son of a wealthy banker, was flattered to think he may have had a hand in Mr Portillo's decision to go public with his views. "It is always nice to think that literature and an interest in the arts can help to shape a politician's



# Tolerance is a part of the Tory tradition'

By JILL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL PORTILLO's political revival started last night with an impassioned plea to his party to shed its arrogant vulgar image and show more tolerance to all sections of society, particularly single mothers. His speech at a fringe meeting held by the Centre for Policy Studies set out a vision for a "compassionate and caring" Con-thoughts.

"We believe that children are best brought up in stable family arrangements with two pagents. But ... disability, and single parenthood; we admire those many people who and considered indifferent to the are doing an excellent job raising theral arguments over landmines children on their own, he said.

The important thing is that people recognise the responsibility they have when they conceive children and do all they can to provide a warm, caring and balanced home for them.

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"Our society has changed. For good or ill, many people nowadays do not marry and yet head stable families with children. For a younger generation, in particular, old taboos have given way to less judgmental attitudes to the span of human relationships.

"There remain many other people to whom the new norms seem all wrong. The Tory party is conservative and not given to political correctness. Still the party never rejects the world that is. Tolerance is part of the Tory tradition," Mr Portillo said.

Mr Portillo's message that the Tory party had to reinvent itself in order to win back popular support is clearly one the leadership intends to push. He said the party had become increasingly associated with the "most disagreeable messages" and

Tories were linked to harshness: thought to be uncaring about unemployment, poverty, poor housing,

and arms sales. We were thought to favour greed and the unqualified pursuit of the free market, with a 'devil take the hindmost' attitude." The former MP for Entield South-

gate argued that the party was also "thought to be arrogant and out of touch". Some of it was insensitive language, some of it image. "When people looked at the composition of our party, they thought it too elderly, or too vulgar, or too out of touch in vocabulary and percepfions or in some other way, unfa-

by its association with sleaze. Sleaze disgraced us in the eyes of the public. Their perception was of corruption and unfitness for public service. Such distasteful perceptions can endure and do us damage for a

long time.
"We should face these issues head on and deal with them. The last years profoundly disappointed our supporters and disgusted many

But he insisted that a clear line should now be drawn between sexual peccadilloes and financial misconduct, saying the latter should nihar and unrepresentative." be a sacking offence. William He also acknowledged that the Hague is right to make a clear

distinction between, on the one hand, misconduct of a financial circumstances. He insisted that the Conservative nature or some other betrayal of public trust and, on the other hand, problems in personal life such as

marital breakdown. "A betraval of public trust must lead to resignation and we shall watch carefully how thoroughly Labour does in fact clean out its Augean stables. But private problems and indiscretions should not normally lead to the end of a

person's career. "You may think less highly of someone who exhibits weakness in his private life, you may choose not to support or re-elect him, but we should not require people to be

message was an attractive one and would touch a chord with the majority of the public if properly explained: "Choice, aspiration, op-

portunity, duty and compassion."

Compassion was an essential ingredient of Conservatism but the world did not believe it, he argued, urging Tories to wear their compassion on their sleeves. He also urged Tories to develop closer relations with trade unions and business. There are a few Neanderthals left today in the trade union movement. But the Conservatives will want to be part of a dialogue that can include all those who genuinely want to see our business succeed excluding only those who still want

merely to ossify British industry or defend vested interests." Mr Portillo's views on single

parents were endorsed by John Maples, the Shadow Health Secretary but lain Duncan Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, attacked single-parent families, saying they were more likely to commit crime. He accused Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, of being "obsessed" with one-parent families and said a balance needed to be struck between support for them and the traditional family.

#### Straw is accused of being soft on burglars

BY POLLY NEWTON POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Shadow Home Secretary, Sir Brian Mawhinney, accused the Government yesterday of turning its back on burglary victims. He said that Labour's failure to bring in mandatory minimum sentences for repeat housebreakers proved that the party was on the side of the burglar, not the victim.

In a debate on law and order at the party conference. Sir Brian said that the previous Government had promised to implement minimum sentences for "career" burglars by 1999. He challenged Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, to do the same.

"And, if you refuse, we will continue to press you, harry you, shame you, and we will demand a vote on this matter in the Commons, so that everyone can see whether new Labour votes for a new Britain or for new burglaries," he

Sir Brian congratulated Mr Straw for pressing ahead with minimum sentences for those convicted of more than one sexual or violent offence, or of dealing in drugs. He also promised a constructive approach from the Tories towards government proposals to tackle youth crime, "especially as most of them are culled from our manifesto".

Sir Brian said: "Burglary may be driven by drug addiction, so we will help the Government build on our approach to reduce the amount, the effect and the consequences of drugs in our society."

He said that crime levels had fallen under the Tories, while they had risen under previous Labour administrations. The "new trendies" were appalled at the idea that falling crime figures might be linked to a rise in the number of prison inmates.

Among the speakers in yesterday's debate was Jemma Nicholls, 15, who won loud applause when she condemned pop stars who took drugs. In an apparent reference to the appearance of Noel Gallagher, from Oasis, at a party given by Tony Blair this summer, she said the fight against drugs was not helped when one of them is entertained by the Prime Minister at No. 10."

# new man? Not likely, says Thatcher

has become a new man after five months in the political wilderness was given short shrift by one visitor to the Conservative conference yesterday (Damian Whitworth writes). "New man?" said Baroness

Thatcher. "New man? He's the me man I've always known.' The lady should know. She was one of only a handful of people who actually saw Mr Portillo in Blackoool before he delivered his speech last night.

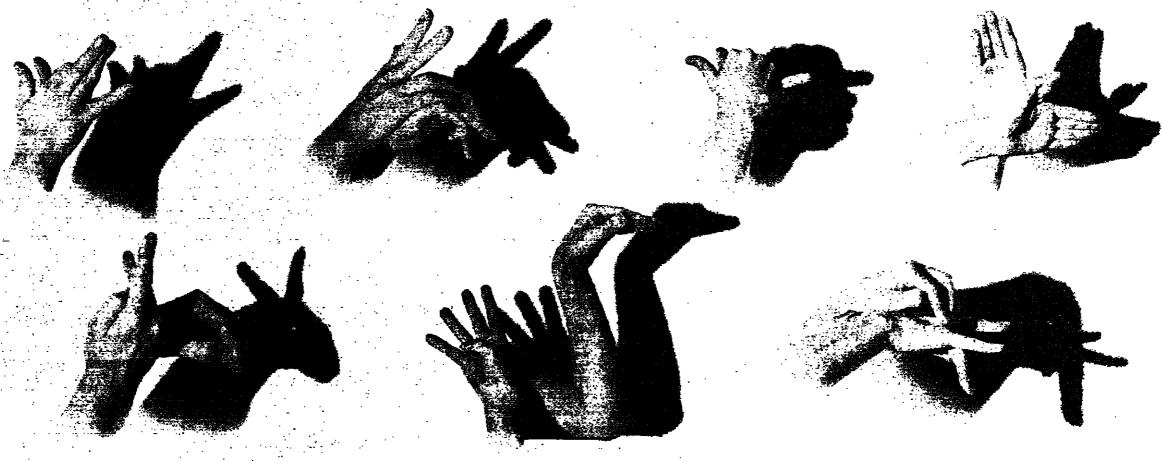
The former Defence Secretary has been in town but keeping the lowest of profiles. He slipped into the Imperial Hotel yesterday morning to see the woman to whom he has always been fiercely loyal and who regards him as a

several warm references to the former Prime Minister in his speech and told how she had been one of the first to offer condolences on the loss of his seat.

Their discussion yesterday of what Mr Portillo was going to say clearly did not convince ber that he had significantly changed his outlook. Her blunt statement that he

she trotted through the Imperial Hotel later in the day. Reasons for Mr Portillo's invisi-

bility are not clear. One of the rare sightings was as he took a walk, quiff flapping, along the prome-nade. He might have noticed, as he gazed out to the horizon that the sea was distinctly murky. The season for clear blue water is over.



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# Women on HRT face a greater risk of cancer

HORMONE replacement the apy slightly increases the risk of breast cancer, but this is more than compensated by a reduced risk of heart disease. researchers have found. Al-though the risk of getting cancer increases the longer a woman is on HRT, the form the disease takes tends to be less dangerous and is easier to

In the most comprehensive review of studies into possible links between HRT and breast cancer, data was drawn from more than 160,000 women in 51 investigations from 21 countries, mostly in the developed world. About a million women in Britain are on HRT at any one time.

The statistics show that 45 women in 1,000 between the ages of 50 and 70 will develop breast cancer if they are not on HRT. Among women who take the therapy for five years. the number rises to 47. The rate rises to 51 among women who take it for ten years and to 57 among those using it for 15

years or more. This study shows that HRT increases the risk of breast cancer to a small extent and of cancer of the uterus to an even smaller extent." Sir Richard Doll, a founder director of the But researchers say the reduced chance of heart

disease outweighs dangers, reports

Ian Murray

Fund, which co-ordinated the study, said.

"At the same time we know that it eases the symptoms of menopause, strengthens the bones, reducing the fractures which are a common complication of old age. Most impor-tantly, it may well be that it reduces the risk of coronary heart disease by as much as 30

Earlier this year the fund started a ten-year survey in which a million women on HRT will take part to find out more precisely what the bene-fits and disadvantages are. Valerie Beral, director of the

fund's epidemiology unit at Oxford University, said the data collected so far on 52,700 women who developed breast cancer and 108.400 who did Imperial Cancer Research not, gave simple proof that

those on HRT faced a slightly increased risk. This risk decreased when they stopped the therapy and, after five years. they were at no more risk than women who had never been on it. As far as we can tell, the sorts of cancers involved are more easily treatable," she said. "They are smaller, localised cancers, easy to

One finding was that thinner women on HRT were more liable to develop breast cancer than fatter women. Sir Richard explained that, when thin women had the treatment, it had the effect of delaying menopause and increasing their oestrogen levels to that of fatter women, which increased the cancer risk.

Details of the research, published today in The Lancet. have been sent in advance to all GPs to head off the kind of problems caused two years ago by the announcement that taking some varieties of the Pill increased the risk of heart

Michael Rawlins, chairman of the Committee on the Safety of Medicines, said the research did not mean that women should stop taking HRT. Anyone worried should make a routine non-urgent appointment with their doctor.

#### Couple's cash sends spinster home to her farm

AN ELDERLY spinster who was evicted from the moor-land farm her family has owned for 500 years has at last returned after a retired property developer paid off her debts (Paul Wilkinson

Freda Fentriss-Ellerby, 65, who until July last year had never spent a night away from her home on the North York Moors above Castleton, was yesterday cleaning the house in advance of her return next week.

Her previously anony

mous benefactors went public yesterday about why they stepped in. Leonard Phillips, who runs an organic farm and woodland with his wife. Suzanne, at Medmenham, near Marlow, Buckinghamshire, said: "As soon as we heard of Freda's plight we knew we had to do some-thing to help her because we are of like minds. It saddened us greatly to think of her being forced out of the only home she knew and away from the lifestyle she loved so much. We were only

too pleased to help."

Mr Phillips, 61, has bought
the 64-acre farm for "a substantial sum" and will allow Miss Fentriss-Ellerby to spend the rest of her life



Happy return: Miss Fentriss-Ellerby back with some of her charges at the farm she feared she had lost

there, rent free. If she moves out for longer than six months or dies, Mr Phillips will be able to sell the estate, valued at about £100,000.

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Mr Phillips, who grows 128 acres of hay and barley and keep seven cattle "as lawnmowers", said: "She is free to do whatever she wishes for the rest of her life. If there is any money left over

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when we eventually sell the property, we will give it to an environmental charity. We do not want to make a profit." Miss Fentriss-Ellerby was

forced out of Forest Lodge Farm when beneficiaries in the will of her brother, George, who owned half the property, demanded pay-ment. She fought the case and ran up debts and legal

costs of £30,000. She moved into a cousin's bungalow in Whithy leaving behind 68 cattle, all which she had named, 17 cats, 20 chickens. two sheep dogs and a gander called Sid.

The people of Castleton organised a campaign to help her, and her situation attracted international publicity. While lawyers negotiated her return she was unable to stay away and secretly went home. Barred from the house, she lived first in an old VW Beetle and then a builders' hut.

Yesterday, as she cleared rubbish left by intruders, she said: People say I should retire and see life. But what is life? What could be nicer than this? This is life to me."

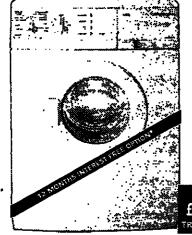
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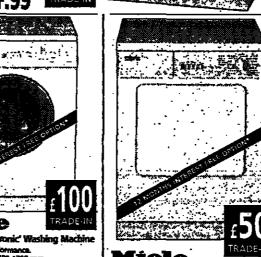
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#### Jurassic mark of southern softies

By NICK NUTTALL

MEAT-EATING dinosaurs such as Tyrannosaurus rex were a far tougher breed in the northern hemisphere than in the south during the Jurassic period, scientists have found. Dinosaurs in the southern hemisphere were less active and more inclined to shormess of breath, possibly because their lives were so easy that they never worked too hard.... The findings come from analysis of the ribcages of

carnivorous theropods, including Tyrannosaurus. Richard Hengst, from Purdue University in Indiana, said: The North American therapods may have been like pursuit hunters, requiring the ability to run over a long period of time. South American dinosaurs perhaps employed a dash-and-dine approach which required activity only in short bursts."

The scientist is to present his findings tomorrow to the Society of Vertebrate Palantologists in Michigan, Illinois. The ribcage gives clues to breath-ing abilities, which in turn tells researchers how active the dinosaurs were.

Dr Hengst found that, 220 million years ago, all dino-saurs breathed inefficiently. By the middle of the Jurassic period, about 140 million years ago, the meat-eaters of the northern hemipshere had evolved into the fearsome creatures of school books, consuming up to 40 per cent more air with each breath. Those in South America

may have had more abundant food, or were able to ambush prey more easily because of lush vegetation. The South Americans caught up with their northern relatives only about 100 million years ago," Dr Hengst said. "Whatever the reason, the fact they did catch up suggests there was an optimal level of respiratory efficiency and that all dinosaurs eventually got there."

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### India body unlikely to be hostage

A body found in India is Mangan, held hostage in Kashmir since July 1995. Tests by Scotland Yard forensic science experts have not determined that the remains are those of Mr Mangan, 35, from Middlesbrough, or of Paul Wells, a fellow captive of the independent Al Faran move-ment. It is thought that the body is that of Zia Uddin, a Pakistani militant.

#### Boy in court

A boy aged II has appeared at Bath Youth Court charged with raping an 11-year-old girl in Bath and abducting her sixyear-old brother. The boy was. remanded in council care for two weeks.

#### Cricketer verdict

A verdict of accidental death was recorded in Southwark, South London, on Graham Kersey, 25, the Surrey wicketkeeper killed in a crash near Brisbane. A full inquest has been held in Australia.

#### Sharp shooter

Ian Wright, the Arsenal and England striker, is to help to launch a campaign aimed at getting criminals in Lambeth. South London, to hand illegally held guns to the police during November.

#### Limestone alarm Gardeners are endangering

landscapes in their desire for timestone rockeries, according to Gardening Which? Just 75 of England's original 2,500 hectares of limestone pavements remain. Postmen's blues

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# FROM ADAM SAGE

Chips in wine upset French elite

FRENCH vineyards have been shaken by allega-tions of subterfuge and fraud in a row which has set wine producers against each other.

The cause is oak chips. Viticulturists in what the French refer to sniffily as the "new countries" use the cuttings as part of their drive to oust Euro-pean products from supermarket shelves worldwide. By suspending a bag of wood chips in an aluminium container full of wine, they produce a nectar which tastes as though it has matured in an old oak barrel, they claim. This saves time, money and energy. But a chip in a vat for Californians or Australians is giving the French a chip on the shoulder.

Producers of cheap French wine would like to copy their counterparts and are prevented from doing so by a European Union ruling. Brussels is backed by elite French vineyards from regions such as Bordeaux, where there are fears that the spread of oak chips could undermine the reputation, and price, of chatean-bottled products.

This would worry consumers," said Jérôme Quiot president of the French Institute for Quality Wines. His institute. claims the Fr25 billion (£2.55 billion) global market for French wines relies on rules preventing the arrival of "unnatural" techniques in France.

But there is fierce pressure for such techniques to be accepted. Producers in lesser-known regions such as Languedoc in southern France, say they do not carn enough money to buy Fr3,000 oak barrels. "Brussels has agreed to review its position within two years.

# Nobel stuns Italy's left-wing jester

Surprise award for theatre genius who threw down a challenge to both Catholic Church and State often putting his own life at risk

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

actor Dario Fo, best known for his biting satires on the establishment, for performances in the commedia dell'arte tradition and for regarding the old Italian Communist Party as too right-wing, was yesterday awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature by the Swedish

Signor Fo. 71; son of a station master, said: "I am flabbergasted." He was not alone: the theatre world was just as taken aback, particularly as Salman Rushdie and Arthur Miller had been strongly tipped to win. in Britain at least, while

Signor Fo has written more than 40 plays, he is most associated with The Accidental Death of an Anarchist about a railway worker who "accidentally" falls from the window of a Milan police station

 which was written as long ago-as 1970. But for many, as one critic noted, he is you can then "the people's artist" who breaks down barriers: minds 🤊 on one occasion. a staggering 16,000 crammed

see his solo performance. Despite his delight, even Signor Fo's publisher, Michael Earley of Methuen, was shocked, however much Signor Fo is "a first-class theatrical genius" "We were never expecting this to happen." he said. He noted that the Nobel committee has often acted in mysterious ways. Salman Rushdie and Arthur Miller were strongly tipped to win, but the Nobel organisers had told Mr Earley that they would be "too predictable, too ropular".

into a sports hall in Turin to

Benedict Nightingale, the-atre critic of The Times. has described Signor Fo as "one of the funniest playwrights and performers alive". But news of the Nobel came as "quite a surprise". He added: "What's interesting is that he's basical-

THE Italian playwright and back to the commedia dell'arte tradition. He writes for himself and performs himself, sometimes with his wife. He's a brilliantly talented clown. This choice is a wayward one. Irs rather lightweight."

Signor Fo's plays, which include Can't Pay? Won't Payl, have been translated into dozens of languages. He has continued to perform despite a stroke that partly blinded him last year. To say he has really lived is an understatement. During the war the playwright helped his father, a member of the Italian Resistance, to smuggle Allied soldiers across the border to neutral Switzerland. He has also suffered for his art; it is said he has been jailed, beaten and threatened with assassitheatres bombed and burnt. Humour is his

6 If you are His political outlook clearly is able to make influenced by his people laugh, background. His one-man Mistero Buffo is open up their terpieces: its lampooning of the Roman Catholic Church

- through a retelling of the Gospels premiered in 1969 -won him worldwide acclaim, as well as censure from Rome. The televised version, recorded and screened in 1977, was condemned by the Vatican as "the most blasphemous show in the history of television".

He has collaborated as both writer and performer on many of his works with his wife, Franca Rame, once called "Italy's Rita Hayworth". In 1968, they established a nonprofit-making troupe with backing from the Italian Communist Party with a mission to entertain the working classes.

Signor Fo wrote plays for people in factories and workers' clubs, but found them inspiring audiences internationally. In 1970 he and his wife founded the political collective. La Opinine in Milan . power is always with us."



Dario Fo at a Milan theatre: "One of the funniest playwrights and performers. He is a brilliantly talented clown"

Pope and the Witch and Archangels Don't Play Pinball, satirising and savaging the Church, the State, corruption and drug addiction.

One critic noted in 1992: Political fervour may be on the wane in the 1990s, but Fo's plays manage to be as popular with regular theatre audiences as with his faithful followers. Legalisation of drugs is not a hot issue in this country, but the corruption of those in

laugh just for the sake of having fun, or you can make them laugh about social subjects, the establishment, the clichés around us. I prefer the last way. If you can make people laugh, you can open up their minds." He told The Times: "You remember things much better through laughter than through tears."

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believe in making people look Vatican's newspaper, said: The Nobel prize jury members have lately awarded to lesser known authors, wrongconsidered to be lesser works. But giving the prize to someone who is also the author of questionable works is beyond all imagination."

The Swedish Academy which awards the prize said Signor Fo had been selected for work which "emulates the jesters of the Middle Ages in scourging authority and upholding the dignity of the **BRIEF** 

#### Fear for whales at beach

Wellington: Volunteers were waiting last night to see whether 45 refloated whales would beach themselves again on the Karikari Bay beach in northern New Zealand (Cathie Bell writes). Of the pod of nearly 100 pilot whales that been encouraged back to sea. Photograph, page 24

#### Damages call

Singapore: Goh Chok Tong. the Prime Minister, is seeking higher damages than the £12,000 awarded in a libel case. Joshua Jeyaretnam, the defendant and veteran Opposition Leader said. (Reuters)

#### No soft soap

New York: Ellen DeGeneres. America's first openly lesbian soap-opera star, is threatening to quit Ellen, her hit show, because the ABC network is to flash an "adult content" warning on the screen.

#### Kidnap arrest

Potsdam: Two former Soviet soldiers who had served in East Germany were held on suspicion of kidnapping and killing Matthias Hintze, 20. They had allegedly demanded a £350.000 ransom. (Reuters)

#### Gambia crash

Banjul: A tourist plane from Spain crashed in the West African state of The Gambia, aboard, officials said. Seven passengers were understood to be Germans. (Reuters)

#### Rat house razed

But in Warsaw the 1980 Nobel Literature Prize laure-

ate, Czeslaw Milosz, said he

would have preferred the prize

to go to Jaan Kross of Estonia

or Tomas Transtroemer of

Sweden and described Signor

Fo as "someone who is com-

mild by comparison with the

reaction of another Polish

writer, Gustaw Herling-

Grudzinski, who said the deci-

sion to honour Signor Fo "definitely compromised" the

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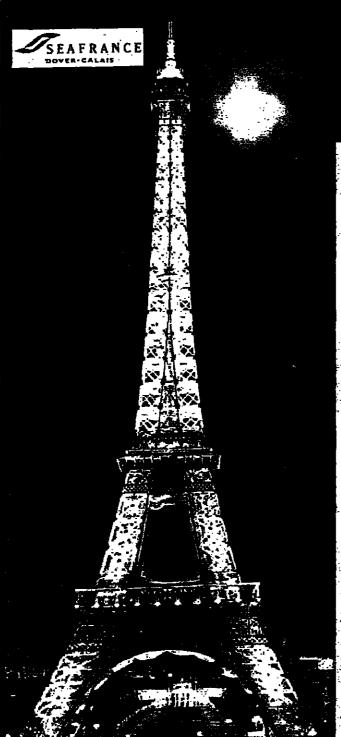
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Tampa. Florida: A house where a woman kept 1,200 rats as pets was demolished after complaints about the smell. The rats, killed the day before, were "very domes-ticated", an official said. (AP)

#### Oodles of noodle

Beijing: Hu Shuxia, a hotel chef, beat five others in a television contest by handpulling a continuous noodle 2,940m (9,704ft) long from lkg (2.2lb) of dough, Xinhua news

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# US moves armada to warn Iraq

Saddam told to keep out of no-fly zones imposed after Gulf War or face punishment at hands of

'potent' air and naval force

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA last night threat-ened President Saddam Hussein with dire consequences if his warplanes continued to violate no-fly zones in southern Iraq. Simultaneously Pentagon officials said a carrier battle group deployed to the region was prepared to en-force the United Nations ban with every means necessary.

William Cohen, the Defence Secretary, indicating that American warplanes had increased patrols over the no-fly zones in both northern and southern Iraq, said that any further violations would result in Baghdad having to bear the consequences. "We have indi-cated to them [the Iraqis] that we intend to enforce the no-fly zone. We have taken measures that will make it more difficult to flout the restrictions," Mr Cohen said.

The tough rhetoric has been amplified in Washington over recent days in advance of the arrival in the Gulf of the Nimitz Carrier Battle Group. a formidable military force diverted last week from Singapore and now steaming towards the region.

The group includes the USS Nimitz, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, two cruisers. one destroyer, a guided-missile frigate, support ship and an attack submarine.

With a total of 7,500 naval, air and support crew, as well as 50 combat F18 Hornets and F14 Tomcats and a vast arsenal of air-launched missiles and bombs, including the Tomahawk, Pentagon officials

believe Saddam would be foolish to continue his provocation of the West.

"The group brings a lot to the theatre," said a navy official. "It's a significant and potent force which says we are prepared to enforce the no-fly zone with whatever means

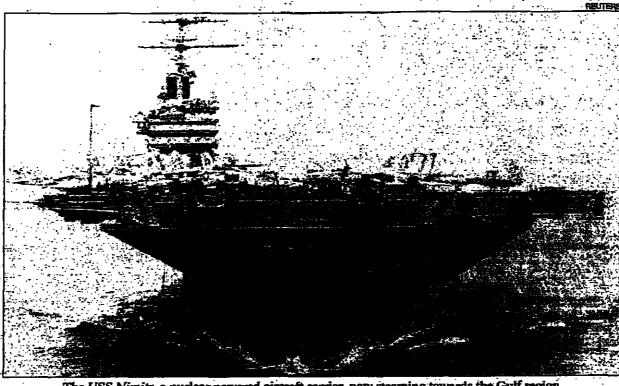
Privately, the Pentagon is convinced its sabre-rattling will convince the Iraqi dictator to back down, as he has done on several occasions since the Gulf War. If not, however, military chiefs in America appeared quite prepared last night to enter the fray.

Increased tension in the Gulf has resulted from a combination of factors, most notably the action last week in Iranian warplanes bombed two bases in southern Iraq, reportedly wounding

several Iraqi civilians. Iraqi MiG21 and MiG23 jets responded several hours later, also violating the allied enforced no-fly zone created after the Gulf War in 1991 and since expanded by President Clinton to the 33rd parallel.

The southern zone, created to prevent Saddam attacking internal dissidents who had sought shelter in Iraq's marshlands, and the northern area, designed to protect the Iraqi Kurds, are policed regularly by British, French and

American aircraft. Officials in Washington believe Saddam is merely using the Iranian incursion as an excuse to violate the southern zone and thus test the



The USS Nimitz, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, now steaming towards the Gulf region.

Special Commission has released a report accusing Baghdad of concealing data from international inspectors about

capability of allied aircraft patrols in the area.

At the same time, the UN council is to debate the findings next week. Britain and America have continued to oppose any easing of UN

Iraq since Saddam invaded Kuwait and was driven out by the allied coalition. America and Iraq clashed last year when US forces fired cruise missiles at Iraqi silos Wash-

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allied aircraft in the region but, after a tense formight stand-off, Baghdad backed down and said it would suspend any attacks on allied warplanes enforcing both no-

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IN THE largest award in a car safety suit, Chrysler Corporation has been ordered to pay \$262.5 million (£163 million) to the parents of a sixyear-old boy who died after he was thrown from a minivan-during a crash

during a crash. The company yesterday called the judgement by a jury in Charleston, South Carolina, outrageously large, and said it would appeal. The suit blamed a defective latch on the rear hatch of a Dodge Carayan for the death of Servio Imminer in 1994.

Sergio Jiménez in 1994. His family was awarded \$12.5 million in compensatory damages and \$250 million in punitive damages relating to arguments that Chrysler tried to endist congressional help in blocking a federal investiga-tion into the alleged defect. The boy was travelling in

the back seat of the vehicle when it was hit from behind spun and rolled over, throwing him through the back when the latch failed. He suffered a tractimed skull and died. Chrysler alleges that the van jumped a red light and

through a side window. But a lawyer for the family alleged that Chrysler had covered up evidence of defective rear latches for more than a decade. Hopefully this verdict will ring loud that Chrysler

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After 15 months of research, a presidential commission is to recommend measures next week designed to protect the United States infrastructure, from banks and the stock exchange to the Pentagon and the Department of Justice.

The proposals include the establishment of an information analysis and warning centre to collate breaches in computer security throughout government and industry. A special White House office

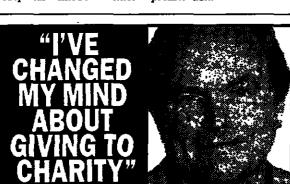
would be created to co-ordinate the security roles in every government department while legislation would be introduced allowing private com-panies to conduct criminal background checks when hiring computer experts for sensitive positions. Reseach into computer security would be

The commission has at tempted to develop a strategy that would prevent hacking into computer systems that control all the vital elements of American society, 95 per cent of which are privately owned. Experts believe cyber terrorism is as strong a threat to the United States as nuclear, chemical or biological



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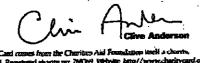
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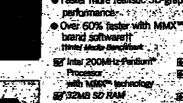
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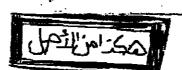
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#### **Iceland** rattles China at dinner table

FROM JAMES PRINGLE

ICELAND (population 268,000) has become a mouse that roared in a diplomatic dispute with China (1.2 billion) over who came to dinner.

Beijing warned Reykja-vik yesterday that it had "hurt the feelings of the Chinese people by allowing a private, unofficial visit by Lien Chan, the Vice-President of Taiwan,

this week.
"The Icelandic Government has paid no attention to China's position. and the bilateral relationship has been seriously damaged," Shen Guofang. the Foreign Ministry spokesman, said yester-day. This is interference in China's internal affairs and Iceland will be held

Beijing is apparently enraged because Mr Lien Chan, also scheduled to visit Spain and Austria. has, at the start of his twoweek European trip, had dinner in Reykjavik with David Oddsson, the Prime Minister.

Hjalmar Hannesson the Icelandic Ambassador to Beijing, said China had made a "very strong" protest over what he called a private, unofficial visit". He said: "During the Prime Minister's dinner, the two sides talked about business and tourism. We get about 2,000 tourists a year from Taiwan." The ambassador said he

did not know what the consequences would be. though reports from Reyk-javik indicated that the Chinese Embassy has cancelled contracts worth millions of dollars to purchase fish and other products.

Mr Shen said: "No matter what the form of Lien Chan's visit, whether it is called a holiday or transit through the territory, in fact it has official colours."

# Cabinet clash over Mossad murder squad

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

DAVID LEVY, Israel's Foreign Minister, said yesterday that he was considering resigning over the "damaging" attempt to assassinate a Hamas leader in Jordan last month, as new details emerged about the bungled Mossad operation.

Asked on Israel Radio how close he had come to leaving Binyamin Netanyahu's Government. Mr Levy, who claims that he was not consulted on the bid to send secret agents to kill Khaled Meshaal with a mystery toxin, said: "Almost 50-50". He said he was "still weighing things up and considering the balance".

The Tel Aviv newspaper Yediot Aharonot, stung by criticism that the media had soft-pedalled coverage, pledges in today's edition to reveal the whole story, including details of a "secret meeting" at which it was approved. details of who gave the orders. and why a chemical weapon was used.

Using Israeli and Jordanian sources, The Times has put together a timetable of events in a scandal which nearly sabotaged the 1994 Israel-Jordan peace treaty and prompted King Hussein to declare during a phone call with President Clinton that Mr Netanyahu was "an impossible man to deal with". 🗔 July 30: Emergency Israeli Cabinet meeting after suicide bombs in Jerusalem's crowded Mahane Yehuda market kill 16 Israelis decides to sanction attacks on Hamas military leaders. According to

or set constraints. ☐ September 19: Two and possibly four Israeli Mossad agents travelling on forged Canadian passports check into Amman's five-star Jordan Inter-Continental Hotel, an unlikely venue as it is favoured by the press and Jordanian intelligence. ☐ September 25: When Mr

Meshaal arrives at his Am-

two of those present, the motion did not mention names



Netanyahu: sent poison formula and antidote

man office, two men are outside, one dark and muscu-lar, the other bearded and fair. Both look like foreigners. The bearded man approaches the Hamas politburo chief and sprays or injects a toxin from a lead-coloured instrument wrapped in tape that makes a loud popping sound Mr Meshaal feels a sensation "like an electric shock" in his spine and is rushed to hospital with severe respiratory problems. One doctor said he had a maximum of 48 hours to live. Two attackers are caught after a clash with Mr Meshaal's bodyguard. Four other members of the hit team take refuge in the Israeli Embassy. Israeli officials said that Mr Netanyahu is stunned and

#### **US** signals new accord

sends an antidote which saves

Mr Meshaal's life. Jordanian

Washington: The Clinton Administration is holding out hope of an agreement next week on a Palestinian airport and seaport. The drive was launched at a summit between Binyamin Netanyahu and Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority President. President Clinton said the first summit in eight months "occurred not a momen too soon". (Reuter)

died, the Mossad men would have been tried publicly and hanged.

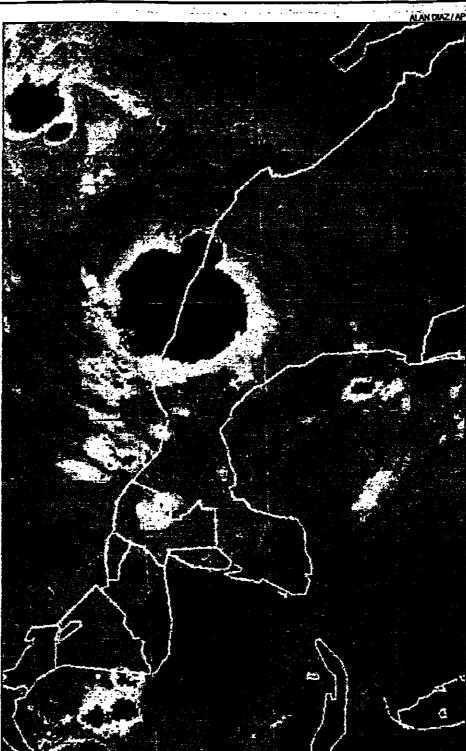
☐ September 26: Mr Meshaal running a temperature of 102F (38C) and not responding to treatment. Intense tele-phone activity between Amman and Jerusalem with Jordan threatening dire consequences unless way found of aving his life. September 27: King Hus-

sein phones Mr Clinton and explodes with frustration about Mr Netanyahu, claiming it is unclear whether the syringe containing the antidote is a trick and contains more poison. Message relayed to Israel and Mr Netanyahu decides to send written chemical formula to the King. Late on Saturday the formula is presented by Ephraim Halevy, the Israeli Ambassador to the European Union and former deputy head of Mossad. In return, the monarch permits him to smuggle the four agents in the embassy back to

☐ September 28: Mr Netanyahu goes to Jordan to cool the situation, although it is clear King Hussein will not see him. He travels with Ariel Sharon, the Infrastructure Minister, and Yitzhak Mordechai, the Defence Minister. They hold a tense meeting with Crown Prince El Hassan bin Talal, the only Arab leader to speak fluent Hebrew. He accuses Israel of attempting to destabilise the Hashemite Kingdom. Puts view held by many Arabs that Mossad has a reputation for excellence, and such amateurish failure must be deliberate. Israelis persuade him "it was cock-up

rather than conspiracy". ☐ October 4: Mr Sharon completes a deal whereby up to 70 Arab prisoners, on top of already freed Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, will be part of package allowing two Mossad men home. ☐ October 8: The King phones Mr Netanyahu and offers to patch up ties.

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An enhanced satellite image of Hurricane Pauline when the eye was just inland near Acapulco yesterday. The storm is generating sustained winds up to 100mph

### **Hurricane claims 15 lives**

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF.

tion, and people are fright-

ened," said Amado Ramirez, a.

ONE of the fiercest storms ever to hit Mexico's Pacific coast, Hurricane Pauline, battered many towns and villages yesterday, leaving at least 15 people dead and a trail A Red Cross spokesman

said a woman, 22, and her three-year-old child were swept to their deaths as water up to 4ft deep raged through the resort of Acapulco, sweep-

Senator

furious at

inquiry on

executions

FROM JAMES BONE

IN NEW YORK

ing away several cars. "I've lived in Acapulco all my life, and never seen anything like this. This is a serious situa-

All flights into the resort, about 175 miles southwest of Mexico City and with a popuship, the Veendam, with 2,000

tourists and crew on board, sailed from the city's port late on Wednesday in spite of raging seas.

Sheets of rain and gale force winds also swelled rivers in other areas of Mexico. Flood water tore through ramshackie homes, felled trees and knocked out roads lation of a million, were and electricity. Several people cancelled, but a large cruise were reported to have been washed away.

#### Queen's dated trip lacks the magic of Diana

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Dilemma

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

THE QUEEN heads to the hills of Murree in Punjab today for a weekend retreat with the Duke of Edinburgh after a lacklustre state visit that most Pakistanis have hardly noticed. The formula of tree planting, award ceremonies and genteel speeches has seemed dated and spiritless, despite wide and friendly cov-

erage in the local press.

The trip has been a far cry from the near-hysteria that greeted visits by Diana, Princess of Wales, whose position made her less constrained by the pomp required and expected of a visiting head of state. Lack of grassroots involve-ment has defined the visit, the Queen's first to Pakistan since 1961, which by all accounts was more memorable because she was able to drive through crowd-lined streets in an open car. To try that now would invite an assassin's bullet.

The extraordinary security, which stifled any attempt at spontaneity, was perhaps unavoidable because of Pakistan's violent gun culture. Many extremist groups would consider it a coup to harm the Queen, if only for the publicity. Karachi alone averages more than 1,000 political and ethnic killings a year.

Not only were people kept at bay this week, they were kept away entirely, and few were able to see anything of the Queen, save for what was in the papers and on television. She drove through almost empty Lahore streets last night, which were lined by policemen. The security presence paralysed the centre of this frenetic city to ensure she came to no harm.

Banners across the road from the airport proclaiming Long live Pak-UK friendship" seemed what they were: a bureaucratic gesture by the Punjah state government without any significant sign of involvement by local people. It has been a week of dignitaries gathering beneath crystal chandeliers, of restricted meetings and ceremonies rehearsed to the last drumbeat.

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## US cyclist bumped by woman motorist shoots her dead

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON A CYCLIST who was yester-

day bumped by a car outside Washington drew a pistol and shot the driver dead. The cyclist approached the blue Honda Accord at a

hour traffic to a lecture at

Montgomery College. Turn-ing left at an intersection, she

appeared to knock the cyclist

off his bicycle. According to

witnesses, as she pulled over

to check if he was injured, the

crossroads in Langley Park, A UNITED NATIONS investigation into the death penalty Maryland, and fired into the in the United States has prohead of Joy Enriquez, 19, who died instantly. voked a furious reaction from Ms Enriquez, a student, had spent the day at her parents home before driving in rusha Republican senator who controls the purse strings for paying off Washington's debt to the organisation.

Jesse Heims, the powerful chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, denounced as "an absurd charade" and an "intentional insult" a visit to the United States by a Senegalese investigator for the UN Human Rights Commission.

Waly Ndiaye, a former Amnesty International official now serving as the UN special rapporteur on extra-judicial, summary or arbitrary executions, spent two weeks interviewing death row immates and meeting state officials as part of an inquiry into capital punishment and deaths in

police custody. He is only the second UN human rights investigator to visit the United States, a country which routinely pushes for vigorous human rights investigations elsewhere in the world.

Mr Ndiaye's visit did not sit well with Senator Helms, who holds the key to any compro-mise on paying off Washing-ton's \$1.5 billion (£931 million) debt to the UN. In an irate letter to the American Amhassador at UN headquarters, he described Mr Ndiaye's inquiry as "a perfect example of why the United Nations is looked upon with such disdain by the American people".

Mr Ndiaye expressed surprise at his frosty reception in America, particularly because he was part of an earlier American-backed UN team that sought to uncover human rights abuses in the former

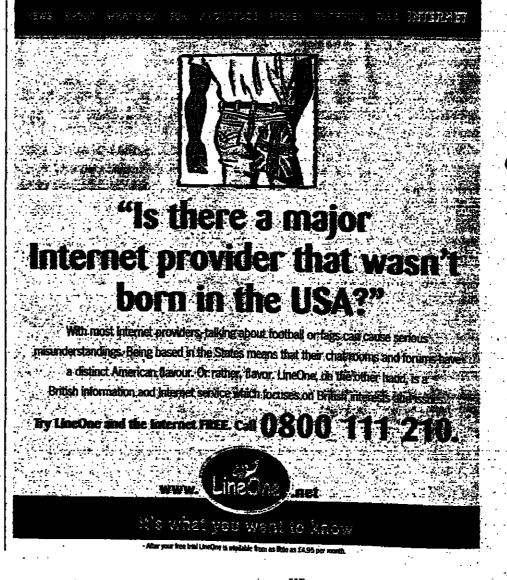
Mr Ndiaye's investigation was prompted by the rise in the number of executions in America, reports of racism in use of the death penalty and the execution of mentally retarded prisoners and those

cyclist shouted and swore atshoot somebody." Road rage is her before shooting her. He then ahandoned his cycle and was chased on foot

by police. A man, identified as Alejandro Grant, 26, was arrested ten minutes later and was held without bail on a charge of first-degree murder.

"The guy fell off, she just tapped the wheel on the back," one witness told The Washington Post. "It was an accident. She pulled over immediately and they had words. He fell off onto his back but got right up. It could have been me. It could have been my co-worker. I can understand he was angry and upset, but you don't go and a common problem in Ameri-ca, but the National Crime Prevention Council said it was rare for people to be killed in an incident such as that in Maryland.

The council blamed the shooting on a combination of factors, including a lack of any sense of community and the availability of handguns. "A major part of the equation is the sense of anonymity and that, if someone violates what you deem to be acceptable norms of behaviour, you are entitled to take the law into your own hands," said the council's Jean O'Neil



# · Prodioffers to quit as Marxist allies desert

ITALY was thrown into political turmoil yesterday as Pro-fessor Romano Prodi, the centre-left Prime Minister, offered his resignation to President Scalfaro after the refusal of his Communist allies to back him in parliament over

the 1998 budget.
The President asked Signor Prodi to stay on in a caretaker capacity until "a solution can be found". If the Prime Minister is unable to continue in power by forming a minority administration, the most likely options are new elections, a caretaker government to help Italy to enter economic and monetary union, or a grand coalition.

The move places a serious question mark over Italy's Herculean efforts to join the European single currency, and threatens to bring an abrupt and premature end to the country's first left-wing government since the Second World War. President Scalfaro is known to be keen to avoid new elections at a time when Italy is grappling not only with its European policy but also with economic auster-

ity and constitutional reform. The Prodi Government. which includes the Party of the Democratic Left, or former Communists, who were excluded from government for 50 years, came to power 18 months ago after the last elections in April 1996. Signor Prodi, an economics professor from Bologna, vowed not only to take Italy into the single



Scalfaro: keen to avoid fresh elections

currency by cutting the budget deficit and reducing inflation — targets which Italy has come very close to meeting but also to put an end to unstable "revolving-door" gov-ernments by reforming the constitution and moving towards a "normal democracy"

with left and right blocs. Although the coalition of centrist and left-wing parties put together by Signor Prodi had a comfortable majority in the Senate, it had to rely from the outset in the Lower House on the 35 MPs of Communist Refoundation: a hardline Marxist party opposed to cuts

in welfare spending.
Yesterday, despite days of behind-the-scenes persuasion and arm-twisting, the Communists, led by Fausto Bertinotti, announced that they could not vote for the budget because it "failed to do enough to protect pensioners and the unemployed. Signor Prodi pre-empted certain dedebate by going to the Quirinale Palace to offer to

resign.

The Prime Minister had offered to move towards a statutory 35-hour working week and to create jobs in disadvantaged areas such as the South. But he insisted on £1.86 billion of welfare spending cuts, including reductions in state support for pensions, which accounts for more than 17 per cent of gross national product, the highest rate in Europe. The disequilibrium in the pensions sector must be resolved in a definitive manner," he told the chamber.

He also insisted on privatisation of the telecommunications and energy sectors, both anathema to the Communists. although he hinted that profits would be invested in job

Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon and leader of the Centre Right opposition, said the only "serious solution" was a grand coalition. A crossparty administration, he said was "the most certain way" for Italy to enter Europe, overhaul the economy and carry out reforms. Opposition aides said that the Centre Right would not want Signor Prodi to continue if a centre-right coalition were formed.

Last night, Giorgio Macciona, the Treasury Under-Secretary, said: "This is an idiotic crisis. Nothing is compromised for the entry into

Ешгоре. The withdrawal of Communist support appears to signal the end of Signor Prodi's



Romano Prodi in parliament in Rome yesterday as the hardline Communist Refoundation announced it was withdrawing support to his Government

dream of ruling for a full fiveyear term "on a programme European communent abroad and social justice at home", as he put it during the budget debate. Yesterday he spoke calmly but wearily. appealing several times in vain to Signor Bertinotti with

the air of an idealistic academic who had given of his best for a year and a half but had finally fallen foul of the intrigues and instabilities of traditional Italian coalition

He said on taking power that he had "broken the

had expressed those senti-

## Papon 'felt pain when he learnt fate of deportees'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN BORDEAUX

MAURICE PAPON, the accused French war criminal, suffered cardiac pains yesterday outside the Bordeaux court where he is on trial for deporting more than 1,500 Jews to their deaths in the Second World War, his lawyer said

M Papon, 87, who suffers from heart disease, was given medication and examined by a court doctor who declared that he had recovered suffi-ciently. His lawyer, Jean-Marc Varaut, said the heart pains had been caused by the stress of the three-hour afternoon hearing and the heat inside the court.

The evidence of M Papon's apparently mounting frailty came just hours after M Varaut's opening salvo in the case, "begging" for the immediate release of his ailing client, and insisting that the charges of crimes against humanity be dropped.

As the court continued to deliberate over whether M Papon should be released on bail during the trial or hospitalised, M Varaut said the ageing former bureaucrat had no chance of receiving a fair trial in modern France. "The trial cannot continue." he said, claiming the case violates the European Convention on Human Rights requiring that trials be held within a reasonable period". While denouncing the "un-

fair" prosecution, M Varaut also introduced an unexpectnote of contrition. emphasising the poignant pain" felt by the former senior official of the pro-Nazi Vichy regime when he learnt of the fate of Jews deported from

France to Nazi death camps. M Varaut said M Papon ments in a television interview before the trial, but that these had been "censored" and were never broadcast — a sign, the lawyer said, of the weight of public opinion ranged against M Papon.

"Maurice Papon wants, we want, the civil plaintiffs want, to end together the mourning for this terrible era, when it was harder to know one's duty, than to follow it ... In spite of himself, through his job and his sense of duty, Maurice Papon set out on the path of suffering," M Varaut

In a flash of anger, when asked to comment, M Papon told the court that his opinions could be found by "rummaging through the rubbish bins of a television station that had interviewed him before the trial.

While conceding M Pap-on's pain, M Varaut continued to paint him as a dedicated civil servant who remained at his post and did his duty, "To resign would have been to desert," he said.

Two court-appointed medical experts examined M Papon in his cell at Gradignan jail on Wednesday, after his lawyer gave a warning that M. Papon could die if kept in detention, and declared the facilities inadequate given. "the gravity of his illness". They recommended that he be moved to a coronary unit in a nearby hospital and kept under guard for the rest of the trial. The court will decide whether to act on those recommendations today.

The court will issue a verdict next Wednesday on M Varaut's demand that the case be dropped, but there is almost no chance the trial will be called off.

#### Juppé flat in Paris auctioned

FROM SUSAN BELL

THE luxurious cityrented by Alain Juppe, France's former Prime Minister, at a vastly reduced rent has been sold at auction to an anonymous buyer for Fr7.1 mil-

lion (£740,000). M Juppe was forced to move out of the six-room duplex in the wealthy Saint Germain des Pres district two years ago after the public scandal surrounding the corruption allegations.

Bidding was heree for the flat which almost toppled a Prime Minister, but Lot 72 110 belonging to the City of Paris was eventually snapped up by a French buyer who paid well over the market rate. M Juppé was Deputy Mayor of Paris in charge of the city's finances when

he began renting the elegant flat in the best part of town at 40 per cent below the market rate - courtesy of the City of Paris.

#### Dilemma for Blair over death penalty debate at summit

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN STRASBOURG

BRITISH discomfort over abolishing the death penalty will be on display in Strasbourg today when Tony Blair ioins Presidents Yeltsin, Chirac and the leaders of 37 other European nations at a summit devoted to bolstering democracy and the rule of law from Vladivostok to Lisbon.

A call for an end to capital punishment in peacetime is among a string of grand declarations to be endorsed by the Council of Europe at the summit, only the second in the 48-year history of the West's oldest club of democracies.

The Prime Minister is expected to use his speech, made on the same day as William Hague's at the Conservative conference, to project Britain as an example of democracy and humanitarian values. He is likely to confirm the Government's plan to incorporate the European Human Rights Convention into British law, ending an anomaly that has to multiply British cases before the Strasbourg court. The move is being

welcomed as a contrast to the often hostile stance of the previous Conservative administration.

However, parliamentary tradition will require delicate verbal footwork when Mr Blair joins the chorus against the death penalty. Britain is one of half a dozen member states which have not signed Protocol Six of the Convention. outlawing executions. Though scrapped for murder in 1965. the penalty still exists in theory for treason, piracy and certain military offences.

The fact that the Prime

Minister cannot promise to

sign the protocol without parliamentary approval is embarrassing at a time when the Council is busy fostering the rule of democracy among its swelling ranks of former communist members. The Council is pressing Mr Yeltsin to enact the protocol despite opposition at home. "Britain's position doesn't make it easy when we are telling the Russians that they must ignore their parliament," said a council official.

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Grey is to this autumn what brown was to last.

flannels, says Style Editor Grace Bradberry

So no wardrobe should be without a pair of grey

## When sexual stereotype meets Just William

I cannot get through winter without that one elusive garment



I SOUGHT it with thimbles. I sought it with care... I pur-sued it, like lost love, through the shopping streets London and Oxford and Canterbury. In the end, I'd given up all hope of finding it and was saying to myself. Oh well it doesn't really matter, I suppose. I can get through the inter without one ... Only of course it does really

matter, and in fact I am going to spend from now until the spring collections minding about this glaring absence in my wardrobe. It's

not even as though Mine, all it is the sort of thing you can run up for yourself on a wet Sunday afmine — the ternoon. elusive

But then, as I drifted through grey Selfridges on some flannel rand (probably my other great unrebustier shopping quest — the hunt for the fugitive

Tinky Winky doll, without which my goddaughter can never grow up to be a fully rounded human being), the Kindly Ones who watch over fashion victims steered me towards the Warehouse concession — and there it was. In

my size.

Hardly daring to breathe, in case I alerted the determined-looking girl who was already riffling through the rail, I crept up on it as though example of an all-but-extinct species - and pounced. Mine, all mine. The clusive grey

flannei bustier. I haven't actually worn it yet, mind you. What do you wear a grey flannel bustier with? And where? I am not

seems a shade grand for the parent teachers's association barbecue... But the point is, now I have it safely captive in the cupboard, I can afford to contemplate these questions at my leisure. In the meantime, every so often, I open the wardrobe door, look at it

hanging there, and gloat. Now, I know the word Bustier conjures up all sorts of visions - most of them involving purple satin, and

> tle birthday inspiration back to the shoo and ask if they can exchange it for something a bit less excitable in cotton interlock. And of course the words Grey Flannel conjure up a set of quite other

images: the baggy

shorts favoured by

a certain sort of

rather terrifying small boy, for example (inthose stripy elastic belts that do up with a little metal serpent, and an heroic set of scabs on each bony knee). Also, the frightful wrapover games skirts in which one spent hours of myopic teenaged misery, being bellowed

at by the Captain of Hockey. But such is the charming alchemy of fashion that some one, somewhere in the Warehouse design team took a notion to mix up an elderly sexual stereotype with a material unaffectionately associated with one's schooldays. And from the combination arose something so witty and elegant and redolent of haute couture that grown-up office — it does rather expose — sue it all over England.







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Top: Wool trousers, £50 and matching bustier, £35 both by

> hair quill, £155 by Erik Halley at Erickson Beamon Bottom right: One button trousersuit, £550 by Byblos at Harrods. Black and cream lace camisole top, £26:99 by

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# A silent kiss for Jackie



In the final extract from the du Pré memoir, Hilary du Pré says she dreaded seeing Jackie as the illness progressed

s Jackie became more incapacitated, she took an even greater delight in shocking people. Many a male visitor would be alarmed by the greeting "\*\*\* me". Some turned it into a joke, others were frightened away. Maybe it was Jackie's way of saying she had not lost her sexuality. The phone rang one day. It. was Jackie. She wanted to

speak to Kiffer. He's outside, gardening, Jack. Shall i call him?" Well, please tell him to

come to London now because I

need him to make love to me." l felt paralysed. "Jackie, I can't tell him to do that. You must speak to him." "Go and get him, then, so that I can ask him myself." With a pounding heart, I ran outside and called Kiffer to

the phone. "It's Jackie. She

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needs to speak to Kiffer listened to her for a while without responding. After a long silence, he said: "Jackie, we can't go back in time. It wouldn't work. I'm sorry, but no." She slammed the phone down.

knots' "Kiffer," I whispered. That's the first time anyone in the family has said 'no' to her." Jackie never spoke to Kiffer

By 1982, Jackie's health was deteriorating quickly. Swal-lowing was difficult, and her speech was hard to understand. Only her most faithful friends visited her regularly.

In early 1987, Piers and I went to visit her. She was in her wheelchair. Talking was almost impossible for her and her eyes were wide open with the strain of trying to see. Her faithful driver, Doug, was there, and we thought it would

be fun to go on a jaunt. chair into the car and handed the keys to Piers. We were on our own, and we could go anywhere we wanted. We felt like schoolchildren playing truant. We giggled and joked. Jackie tried hard to talk, but could only join in the laughter. It was the first time in years that we had felt so free together. We had escaped.

As the months went by, I came to dread the first moment of seeing her, because each time she was so much worse. Once I found Jackie slumped in her wheelchair, her head dipping and bounc-ing. She tried to say "Hello,

Hil," but her tongue wouldn't function properly, and a croaky gurgle came out. I put my arm round her head and held it close.

"Hello, Jack." She tried to put her right arm round me, but it just waved in mid-air. I caught it and held it across my shoulder. A huge lump had formed in my throat and I couldn't speak. So we both remained there, silently clinging

"Jacks, how is Danny?" I asked. She blew a raspberry. I chatted about the family. More snorts. "And who has been to see you?" She gurgled

Lunch was ready. The nurse had prepared a liver dish that we both loved, but when I tried to put food into Jackie's mouth, her head movements became more violent, making it impossible to get the spoon-

into her mouth. So held her head firmly against my body with my left hand and put a spoonful of food into her mouth with my right Because she couldn't control her tongue, chewing was difficult, so each mouthful was a huge effort. She looked frightened.

but was hungry. so we had to repeat the process over and over. She was becoming exhausted and, because it took so long her meal had

After lunch, we put on Jackie's recording of the Schumann Concerto. I could not believe that the person I had just been trying to feed, who was now shaking uncontrollably beside me, was the same person who had created these heavenly sounds.

n mid-October 1987 Jackie suddenly became much worse. She was ng from pneumoma and was unable to talk.

swallow, speak or see.

I wondered "What if she needs to cough? What if she chokes? What should I do?" Jackie was fiailing about, her arms banging on the bed, her eyes rolling. Her heels and elbows were protected by muffs to prevent soreness from the incessant rubbing. She was a gyrating mass.

I had just returned from Jersey, where I had been with Aunt Myrtle, who was scattering Uncle Norman's ashes. I reminded Jackie of Lalla's farmhouse, which we knew so well, and the race to see who



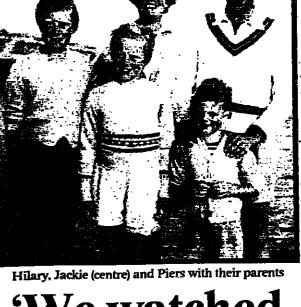
Jacqueline du Pré performing in 1969. By 1987, the creator of "heavenly sounds" could not see, talk or control her movements

could spot the cows first. I stantly started again. I described the smell of Jersey. squeezed her hand and said Thank you, Jack". and the warm pink granite.

After a short while, Jackie She could not reply. But for became calm and still; her that time, we had been as close

as any two people could be. eyes were open, her whole body was relaxed, and her i was telephoned on Monday morning and told the end arms and fingers were motionwas very close. Piers and I left less. My sister was with me for London. Jackie was hardly again and I was with her. It breathing and seemed to be was one of the most intense only just conscious. We gently times I had ever had with her. held her hands, whispered to I didn't dare stop talking. her, wept and were silent. Suddenly the door latch Even in death, this once powclicked and the thrashing inerful personality was still ty-

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## 'We watched as she shone'

HILARY:

Looking around the cemetery, I felt troubled. Why was she here? No family, no friends, no beauty. She seemed cut off from every place she had loved. I wished she could have been with Mum.

Our family were all so dependent on one another that we knew what each was thinking, removing the need for words. We inherited Mum's intuitive approach to life, and have always followed our instincts.

As Jackie's talent became more evident, the balance of our family life altered, and we felt compelled to nurture ker and her colossal gift. Following Mum's lead, we all supported her and watched as she shone in the spotlight. She was automatically put first.

We saw her genius as natural normal Now I realise geniuses are not the same as other people, and it would have been impossible even to try inflicting an ordinary way of life upon her. She was driven by something deep within her, and we had no option but to be borne along by her current.

Genius demands an unusual and specific environment in which to flourish, which in itself requires genius. Mum's intuitive understanding and thorough musical training enabled her to provide the background Jackie needed. Dad, trusting Mum implicitly, provided the home and financial support.

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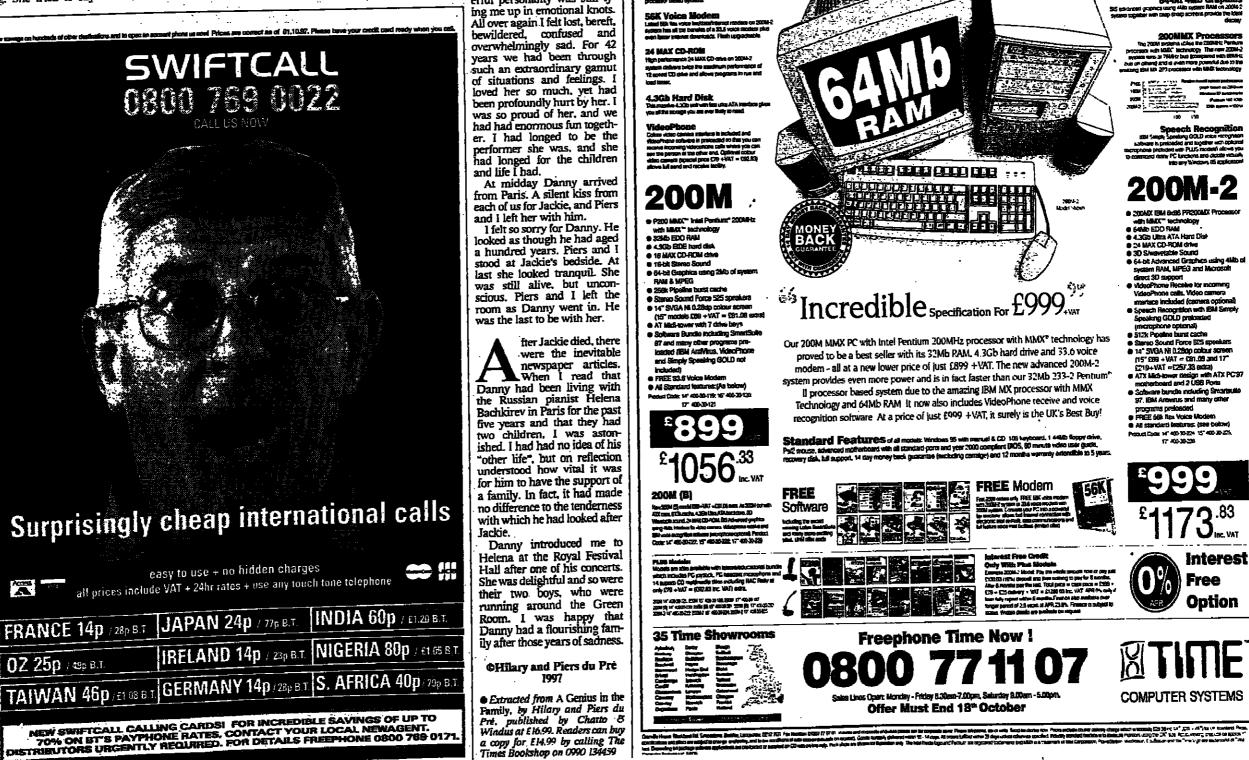
for granted that my job in life would be to care for Jackie wherever she might be. But falling in love with Kiffer was even more powerful. For a while I was free. But when Jackie called from America and turned to me for help, I immediately slotted back into the old pattern. Without question, I responded to her needs

once again. I thought I was doing everything in my power to help her, but her death left me., with an overwhelming sense of failure. I couldn't save her.

MUM had the same struggle. In every detail she had taken care of Jackie. But when her child was 18 she had released her from her nest into the world. The daughter for whom she had fought was , ready to fly, and she let her go. -But when multiple sclerosis. was diagnosed. Mum became the scapegoat. People said she had denied Jackie a normal. childhood, a normal education, friends; had imposed her. own unfulfilled ambitions upon her, no wonder Jackie was so unhappy, so stressed; no wonder she developed MS.

Mum never "pushed" Jackie. Jackie was the pusher, and Mum, like the rest of us, had to run to keep up with her. , Recently. Piers came across

quotation: "No family should have less than three children. If there is one genius among them, there should be two to support him."



# Why gilded youth must pay its way

Let Oxbridge charge students

full fees, urges Terence Kealey

xford and Cambridge claim that they are about to face cataclysmic decline as centres of the Government is threaten-ing to withhold the college fees. These two universities' claims should be dismissed as special pleading. Of course the colleges should be preserved. but they should be genuinely privatised.

The Government now pays Oxford and Cambridge some £5,000 in fees per student per year, compared to £3,000 at other universities. This £2,000 supplement supports the col-leges. Believing that this anomaly is unjust, the Labour Government is proposing to withhold the extra money. Ministers say their proposals are based on common justice. Oxbridge colleges are already rich, their undergraduates are among the most privileged on the planet, so why should the taxpayer offer special subsidies to this gilded youth?

The Government's case is morally unanswerable. About half of all Oxbridge undergraduates were educated in private schools, where annual fees are greatly in excess of £2,000. A boarding school education now costs £7,800-

£13,500 a year: at a day school the range is £3.750-£9,300. Moreover, Most parents many "state-educated" undergraduates could pay were in fact educated privately until £3,000 GCSEs, only taking their A levels at a year

bridge undergraduates come from the surviving grammar schools, which tend to serve the more prosperous parts of the country. It is easy to see that most parents could pay college fees of, say, £3,000 a year per student, which would leave plenty of money over to cross-subsidise the children of the genuinely poor.

The debates over these fees have thrown up a chilling undertone. Some academics have argued for an even freer market suggesting that each university should be able to charge whatever fees its students will bear. But ministers have confirmed that they will not allow this.

Not allow this? Our universities are so stretched that essential repairs and essential equipment are being neglected, yet so unfree is higher education that it may not set its own fees, even to students who could afford them. What else will this Government now forbid - the teaching of subjects with no practical application? Ancient languages or theoretical studies? Or will capital-intensive sciences be treated as luxuries? These are not futile fears.

During the late 1980s, Margaret Thatcher personally vetoed a El million State-funded research study into the sexual habits of the nation, a study that Aids researchers needed. because she found the topic distasteful. It was the privately-funded Wellcome Trust which saved that project. Academic freedom goes hand-in-hand with economic freedom.

Government funding for our universities is a relatively recent phenomenon. The Laws of Scientific Research.

University Grants Committee (UGC) was created in 1919 to support institutions whose investment income had collapsed through wartime inflation. But already in 1932 John Murray, the Principal of gave warning of the dangers to academic autonomy: "A university is like a man, it may gain the whole world and lose its own soul."And there has been loss of soul. Increasingly. academics make public pronouncements that are selfserving rather than honest. Do you remember when in 1985 Oxford academics voted to deny Margaret Thatcher an honorary degree, claiming that under her higher education was in decline? Actually the system was expanding, and has gone on doing so ever since. That episode and the biased statistics that dons then threw around represent a

do you remember when, in 1980, senior professors united in warning us that the charg-ing of full fees for foreigners would drive them away? Today our university towns are overflowing with foreign stu-dents — and why not? Their lovely full fees swell the academic coffers.

stain on Oxford's record. Or

But there are more subtle ways in which State funding undermines academic life. As dons feel dependent upon the State, they invent justifications

ency. Take the economic theory of positive externalities" in education. This states that because university graduates confer benefits on society by virtue of being graduates, society should pay for their

for that depend-

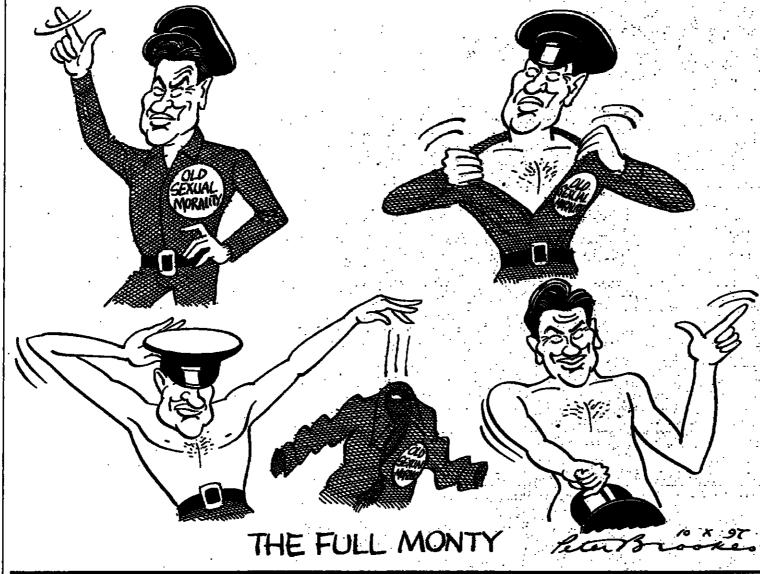
But the private rewards, both cultural and economic, of higher education are so great 'that no laisser faire society has graduates. That is a fact you will not easily learn in our

faculties of economics today. Perhaps the greatest crisis that universities face today is over standards of teaching. They are declining. That is a direct consequence of nationalisation. Since students do not pay fees directly, they have no power, and lecturers can afford to ignore many of their legitimate complaints.

t is the present Government, not the universities, that has learnt the lessons of the last few general elections. The electorate will not tolerate higher taxes, but it does want better public services. Those imperatives must translate into gradual privatisation. It is a privatisation we can increasingly afford, as living standards continue to rise, as long as care is taken to protect the weak - but only

the weak, not the privileged. Fortunately, economic autonomy feeds both academic freedom and higher standards of teaching, "Confronting the contemporary", in Mr Blair's words, is good for everyone, Oxbridge colleges included.

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# Benign hibernation

uring a bad storm, skip-pers in the days of sail would thrust into the passenger's hand the end
of a length of rope. "Hold on to this as
though your life depended on it," they
would holler through the wind, "and
keep pulling! Don't let go."
The rope would be attached to

nothing that mattered. The captain's purpose was to make passengers believe they had something vital to do, distracting them from thinking about their own situation, and

It has seemed to me, in Blackpool this week, that William Hague has a similar challenge. The Conservative Party fears for its life. As the breeze of new Labour's popularity freshens to a storm, concern persists, and could grow, that the Opposition may simply be blown away. To avoid panic, the party badly needs something beyond its own mortality to must find ropes for Tory activists and MPs – even his own Shadow Cabinet -- to grasp, hold and pull.

Equally important is that these ropes are attached to nothing that matters. This would be the worst possible time for passengers or crew to start pulling the rigging about. Mr Hague must give his party an impression of activity and a sense of purpose, without doing much.

These two imperatives are almost inconsistent. The first it is hardly necessary to explain. The worried hopefulness of Tory representatives at the Winter Gardens is palpable. Mr Hague had a measure of success this week in both calming and enthusing his party, but he is not yet secure. Should be miss his stride and fall foul of a press ever ready to headline a "lacklustre" or "disappointing" patch in his leadership,

sharks patrol. Prominent among the fins on partial display is that of Kenneth Clarke. This amazing self-publicist the only man in British politics yet to have grasped the emerging truth that PR is bad public relations - remains alert to any opportunity to untuck his shirt, throw soup over his own tie, and fall just a millimetre short of

ruling himself out of the race. So Hague needs to keep making waves in his party's indoor swimming pool. Less obvious is the case for not swimming into the deeper

waters beyond. But it is a powerful case. Everyone at Blackpool has been looking for Tories clamour for Hague to fight back; the nation could do with a period of silence

slogans to caption the relaunch: phrases like "back in business", "the fightback begins now", and Hague's own campaign message, "a fresh start", bleat feebly from the texts of unnumbered press releases. There is one slogan, however, which has hardly been whispered, a slogan which expresses well the response of the wider British public to this party at present. "A period of silence is now called for," has been wise advice for convicted miscreants down the ages. The Tories were banged to rights only five months ago. From the Conservative Party, a period of silence is now called

One ventures this proof. My own belief is that the party is entitled to boast of its past record and advertise

Labour's present demerits. Entitled — but ill-advised, for it will do them no good. Britain is in no mood to hear Tories defending their past, and hardly interested in their future. Britain is in no mood to hear from them at all. They simply irritate people. The feeling is that the Tories have forfeited the right to criticise others. You may feel differently - I do - but it is fruitless to argue with a public mood; and best just to wait for it to go away.

My impression as a journalist is that when the Tory imprimatur is stamped on any critique of the present Government, it discredits the critique. When the press release bears that dreadful beacon on the Central Office logo, fair criticisms of Labour policy are brushed aside. Exposures of Labour corruption or Labour "sleaze" which - had the media uncovered the facts - would have been front-page news, are relegated when a Tory is the messenger. It follows that vigorous opposi-tion from the Opposition is less of an embarrassment to Labour ministers than Conservative spokesmen have been telling their party, to cheers, this week. Should the Prime Minister become embattled within his own party, nothing would rescue him

faster than a spirited Tory attack.

For the next year or more, the

Thatcher would sit on the platform

early but would leave fairly

sharpish. Then Heath would ar-

rive in time for a debate on consti-

But Parkinson forgot an old rule:

never work with former Prime

Ministers. With Thatcher still on

the platform. Heath wandered on,

looked around and shuffled off to

sit in a VIP box. Over lunch at the

Imperial, I asked Sir Edward if he

had ignored orders from central

casting. "Oh," he said, a rare smile

creasing his stony face. "I wouldn't

FURTHER to my note about Gor-

don Brown nipping over to Rome to take in the football match there:

police will not allow anything into

the ground that could be used as a

weapon. Problem: our Chancellor

likes to remain in constant contact

(with the markets, and of course

to keep his mobile phone. In the

parlance of the diplomat, sound-

ings are being taken . . .

with his spin-doctors), so he is keen

want to avoid her."

Call order

tutional matters (lucky chap).

British press can make a better Opposition than the Conservative Party, and would probably rather they stayed away: few editors wish to seem in league with Tories. Anyone who has ever been asked to concealhis support for a cause, lest by association he damage it, will know how hurtful it is to excluded; but somebody should tell the Conservative Party that it is by piping down for a while that they will serve their own

And Hague must know there is another reason for a period of freewheeling. These early days of a new political era are

the very worst time party to be formu-lating policy. One of the huge mistakes Labour made in the early 1980s was to attempt a princi-

pled opposition to the gathering force of Thatcherism. By the time Neil Kinnock became leader, Labour was saddled (or soon to be) with opposing privatisation on principle, opposing cut-price council house sales on principle, and repeating and entrenching an outdated position on disarmament inherited from another age. They were even stuck with recommending withdrawal from the European Community. Quotes from that time are hurled at them to this day, and still sting.

What is Blairism going to look like? We simply do not know. Nor do we know which elements of emerging Labour policy will prove popular and irreversible, and which will soon be ripening for all-out opposition. Welfare reforms? Constitutional chan-ges? Curiews for kids? "Workfare" policies? Student fees? The restructuring of the NHS? Prospects for the single currency? It is sheer vanity to suppose we can know, now, how Britain will be feeling about such questions in 1999. Let the Tories debate these matters internally until the cows come home, but the last thing Mr Hague should do is: hammer out and publish a reasoned critique of Labour's ideas, until he

Which is not yet. Political pundits may grumble or sneer, but the British public does not require its Principal Opposition to construct a government-in-waiting, and certainly not within months of an election. It is enough for an Opposition to cavil entertainingly from the sidelines. Government backbenchers may shout "What would you do?" across the floor at Mr Hague until they are pink in the face, but he need not answer, and few beyond the walls of Westminster and the towers of Ca-

nary Wharf will notice if he fails to. In the end, Tony Blair will stumble. In the end — and hard though Mr Hague might find this to visualise now - Conservatives will sense a quickening of interest in them, in their ideas, in their leader, and in the kind of fight he is capable of offering

But for all this he will have to wait perhaps years. In the meantime, patience is needed. Facing inward to his membership, as Hague has been. doing rather likeably this week, the new leader may wish to look energetic. A party reorganisation, like redecorating the lounge, is one way of doing nothing, energetically — though it is devoutly to be hoped that this "democratisation" process does not really take off, or it will end with bringing back the gallows and blow-ing up the Channel Tunnel.

Outwardly (by which I mean outside party conferences and fundraising speeches to the faithful) the Tories could take a lesson from Tommy the Tortoise.

Do you remember Tommy? During the silly season this summer, reports circulated about a tortoise which had risen from the dead. Tommy had fallen into a pond and apparently drowned. His hearthroken owners buried him. Later the earth heaved and Tommy climbed from his grave, fully restored to what in a tortoise passes for vigour. Experts explained that in times of acute danger, tortoises can shut down almost all their functions - even breathing - and wait till the danger

has passed As a national force, the Conservative Party now needs to go into a kind of benign hibernation, perhaps until this time next year. It should shut down its press releases, its publicity machine, its whingeing spokesmen, its implausible apologists and its silly stunts. Accepting that a period of silence is now called for, the Tory organism should lie quietly and quite still, in the dark, hardly breathing. until the political spring.

#### Philip Howard



Season of mists and conferences we need a composite

oes the made-over Michael Portillo love unmarried mothers? Do bears do their business in the woods? Once the conference season is over, we speciators can return to our normal ration of return to our normal ration of coratory per day, groaning like Perigord geese from a surfeit of hot corn. Somebody wrote to The Times stating that his daughter wanted to be taught Spanish rather than French at school, because more people worldwide speak Spanish. I suggest German as an alternative.

For we Britons are shockingly ignorant of German. Basil Fawlty and Willie Rushton are linguistically prejudiced against it: "German is the most extravagantly ugly language. It sounds like someone using a sick-bag on a 747." Piffle. It would be a treat to read Goethe's Roman Elegies and to understand Wagner in the original. Kant might make more sense in German. And in any case, the German ability to coin new words by stringing lines of old words together is economical and ex-

present is economical and expresses obliquities unavailable in other languages. Welt-schmerz equals "world pain", that is, the vague yearning and discontent with life that most of us feel on Monday morning on the Circle Monday morning on the Circle Line. Bildungsroman is a formation or "upbringing" novel about a young person growing up, such as David Copperfield, Emma or Doris Lessing's Children of Violence.

Those two German words are pretty well naturalised in pretentious Lit Crit English. But an introduction of the German facility of creating compound words to express complex ideas might make the conference season shorter. Instead of spending an hour last night explaining his conversion on the road from Enfield, Mr Portillo could coin a new word such as Conversion to \* Caring + Compassionate + Multicultural + Swinging Conservatism. And we would at once read his message, plus its subtext of they, don't forget me no longer Mr Nasty the rightwing bogeyman and, although no longer an MP, still a candidate for the greasy pole.

uch portmanteau words enable German to express profound ambiguities such as those of Mr Portillo more precisely than any other language. It invents them all the time. For example, when a German meets a member of the opposite sex at a dimly lit, drunken and smoke-shrouded conference party, makes a date to meet again, and then discovers in broad daylight that the party of the second part is hideous and an embarrassment to be seen with in public, there is a word for her/his emotions. It is Naktplatzzurückschrecken: naked + plaza + cringing.

And here is the sighting of

another new compound word. A

macho German apparently feels manly pride when his former girlfriend becomes a lesbian. This cannot be a universal experience, even in Germany. Nevertheless, German has invented a word to describe this uncommon emotion: Lesbischmetamorphosestolz = lesbian + metamorphosis + pride A folksong with that title (which sounds difficult to get one's tongue round in tune) is reported, with steins of beer banged on the table at the end of the chorus. Kuchenmannvorsicht, cake + man + wariness, is the sneaking suspicion that the handsome young man in the case is more interested in the male waiter

than he is in his female date. What a magnificently flexible tongue to wrap itself round such rare neuroses. And how it would prune the verbosities of conference rhetoric. We could coin a composite noun to save the breath of Eurobotherers of all shades along the lines of Foreseeable + Future + Fence-sitting + Until + Ecu + Enters Fundament. Lord Tebbit shall have his guttural composite of Rivers of Balkanisation + Multiculturalism + Sodomite Marriage. And for Tony Blair we will coin an all-purpose conference word made up of New + Modern + Education + Giving + Power of Positive Thinking. Once each has uttered his portmantra, we can switch off and turn to more

interesting business. And then, if we'are suffering badly from Parteitagmūdīgkeit (party + conference + weariness), we shall invite the shade of Georg Christoph Lichtenberg, that sardonic German wit, to come and unravel these composite words for us. And he will show us, as we always suspected, that these monstrous towers of conference oratory are erected on foundations of hot air and

painted smoke.

## Bit of a do

IT was an astonishing spat. Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare and Sir Archibald Hamilton took their row about party reform to a real party.

Over champagne they traded increasingly blunt opinions. According to several witnesses, an expletive and another fruity insult best not repeated here were uttered. Their conference duel was lively enough. Sir Archie had been jeered for his rather

complacent opposition to democratising the Conservatives. Archer, the darling of the conference, had told troublesome sorts to 'shove off and join another party".

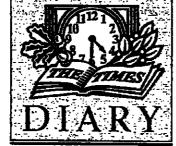
So when the novelist and the chairman of the 1922 Committee met at an ITN party attended by half the former Cabinet at the



Imperial Hotel, a lively discussion was inevitable. They were like two musting elephants," says one observer, spluttering on a vol-auvent. "It was a furious exchange. I thought it might come to blows."

Having slept on the affair, the two Tories were diplomatic. Hamilton maintains that "we had words", adding "we did discuss his contribution to the earlier debate". Archer is equally circumspect: "It was an intelligent discussion between two people who care passionately about Parliament."

● GUESS who helped to draft Michael Howard's thumping conference speech? Ann Widdecombe. You don't believe me? Well, on the train to Blackpool Rachel Whetstone. Howard's special adviser, rushed up to Miss Widdecombe and said: "You are a sceptic, what do you think of this?" To Miss W's amazement, she was then shown Howard's anti-European speech. She made a couple of suggestions



which Howard used, perhaps unknowingly, to great effect.

#### Seating plan

PITY, if you can, Lord Parkinson. Both Baroness Thatcher and Sir Edward Heath wanted to sit on the platform yesterday. But where could Cecil place them? If one sat nearer the leader, it might look like favouritism. And he could hardly have them next to each other (nei-

ther is strong on small talk). Understandably, Parkinson was not minded to ask Lady T to give way. So instead he spoke to Sir Edward. It was suggested that were he to appear at the same time as his old rival, there was a danger that Thatcher might receive a, well, warmer reception. And this would hardly be very edifying.

Eventually a deal was made.

● MEL GIBSON'S search for a home continues. Iain Sproat is not selling his delightful country house. Says a local: "We are delighted Iain is staying. This Australian would be too frightful."



JULIA ROBERTS, the actress who played a woman of relaxed morality in Pretty Woman, is set to portray Diana, Princess of Wales, in the film of Andrew Morton's biography Diana: Her True Story. The producers want the Prince of Wales to be played by Hugh Grant or, "failing that", by Kenneth Branagh. But would such a leading man ever work in this cosmos again?

• WHY do public figures always give such cringe-making interviews to their old varsity rags? Michael Meacher, Environment Minister, has clearly found distraction from Labour plans to concrete over the remainder of the countryside. He is turning his tortured mind to philosophy and plans to write a book on "the human condi-

tion". He tells Oxford's New Coll-

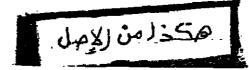
ege News: "The only real question is: 'What is the meaning of life?' Why are we here? We live in a single, indivisible Universe and all the dimensions must ultimately fit

Most of us gave up wrestling with such problems when we graduated, Mr Meacher.

JASPER GERARD

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#### **TOLERANCE AND TORIES**

Burke and Disraeli guide Hague and Portillo

The Tory party is undergoing a transformation as much generational as ideological. The evolution of a more sceptical position on Europe and the adoption of a more inclusive tone on social policy could be construed as simultaneous feints to right and left. The policy changes are, however, better seen as the coming into their inheritance of Thatcher's children. William Hague has planted his standard on libertarian ground since coming to office and Michael Portillo's speech to the Centre for Policy Studies last night was also clearly in that territory.

Margaret Thatcher's premiership was the decisive political influence on the Conservatives of Mr Hague and Mr Portillo's generation who are now shaping the party's strategy. From her example they derive their faith in free markets and nations, but their attitudes towards individual freedom in the social sphere have as much to do with growing up after the sexual revolution of the Sixties as with playing a part in the Thatcherite revolution of the Eighties. The refinement of the Conservative position may unsettle reactionaries but it should not be seen as inconsistent with Tory tradition.

Mr Portillo's ejection from Parliament in May has given him more time to read and reflect than many of his colleagues who survived and have had to shoulder the burden of daily Opposition. That period of reflection has prompted humility in one thought haughty. Mr Portillo is honest enough to concede that he has made many mistakes in his own career. He is unsparing in his criticism of the parliamentary party and his analysis of the consequences of division has a touch of mea culpa as well as of victim's testimony. It is a gracious touch. Much as Sir Keith Joseph's admission of past Tory errors in the Seventies helped to blaze a trail for Mrs Thatcher, so Mr Portillo's words . should make it easier for Mr Hague to make

the changes he needs to his party. Mr Portillo's address on the ghost of towards a more tolerant Tory party.

Toryism past and the spirit of Conservatism future owes much to two particular Tory heroes - Edmund Burke and Benjamin Disraeli. Mr Portillo has written about both men over this summer and seems to have absorbed appropriate lessons for his party from their careers. Disraeli, having first steadied his party after the upheaval of the Corn Laws repeal by providing cavalier leadership, then deftly harnessed changing social circumstances to leave progressives looking priggish and out-of-touch. Mr Portillo's proposals on employment law, regulation, the family and the devolution of decsion-making all show a keen eye for how mutable Middle England now is. For Disraeli, the newly enfranchised working classes were "angels in marble". For the Tories today, an increasingly liberated and aspirational generation could be carved into

a new Conservative constituency.

Edmund Burke's example is, if anything, more apposite. The household god of British Conservatism was, of course, Irish and never a Tory but his influence on Tory philosophy has been more durable than any other politician. Burke was an economic liberal close to Adam Smith in his thinking and a constitutional conservative who looked with horror at the development on the Continent of political experiments which owed more to abstract idealism than inherited wisdom. He was also, however, an advocate of toleration and compassion ahead of his time. In arguing that the Conservative party is now "as capable as any other of comprehending the diversity of human nature". Mr Portillo is placing himself and his Party in the Burkean tradition. The former Defence Secretary is not a prisoner of political correctness; he recognises that children are best brought up "in stable family arrangements with two parents". But the balance of his address marks a decisive, and welcome, move

#### **OFF THE MARK**

#### In EMU every country will have the wrong interest rates

raise German interest rates for the first time in five years sparked a concerted move to higher rates across much of the continent of increase will exacerbate its problems. Spain Europe. In the process it gave a foretaste of how European economics could work two or three years from now. The glimpse of the future will be a chilling one for countries which have chosen to join the single currency. But for Britain, as long as it remains aloof, it provides nothing but cheer.

Proponents of European monetary union rely on one argument which, they believe, trumps all others. Britain, they say, would suffer from being outside such a powerful currency bloc. When asked to elaborate, they find it hard to agree on what precisely would be the symptoms of such exclusion. Some say the pound would soar, others that it would collapse. Some say that Britain would be sucked into the euro's orbit, like a moon circling a planet. Others worry that, on the contrary, it would fail to benefit from the euro's "stability".

What yesterday's moves towards interest rate convergence have shown, however, is that Britain would undoubtedly be stronger and more independent outside a single currency zone. For in order to bring European interest rates closer together in time for economic and monetary union all of the countries of Europe will have to accept rates that are inappropriate for their domestic economic needs.

Germany's unemployment is at a record high of 11.7 per cent and inflation is only 1.8 per cent. If EMU were not around the corner, a rise in German rates would therefore be quite unnecessary. France, which is suffering from 12.5 per cent

The Bundesbank's decision yesterday to unemployment and has inflation of just 1.5 per cent needs, if anything, lower rather than higher interest rates. Yesterday's and Ireland, on the other hand, have been forced to reduce their interest rates and will go much further in the coming months, despite signs of economic overheating.

In Britain the monetary policy committee of the Bank of England met yesterday too. Had sterling been committed to joining the single currency, the MPC would have faced irresistible pressure to do something in response to the Bundesbank's move. Instead, the committee left rates unchanged. Britain retains a freedom to set appropriate monetary policy that is now denied to other European member states. The benefits have been visible in Britain's superior economic performance ever since the pound left the exchange-rate mechanism in 1992.

Since the euro's interest rates must be set to reflect the average economic conditions in Europe, economies that are less healthy than average (such as France at the moment) will be in the same position as Britain in the dying days of the ERM. High interest rates could strangle at birth the feeble recovery in France and perhaps even in Germany. But the prospect for healthier economies is not much better. The central interest rate will often be set too low for a country growing faster than its neighbours. Such a dynamic country will then be forced to tolerate high inflation or to tighten fiscal policy. This could easily happen to Britain if Tony Blair decided to join EMU. Mr Blair would find himself either having to raise taxes and cut public spending or fuelling high inflation. Is that really what the Prime Minister wants?

#### A NATION ON THE LINE

#### Israel now needs Likud and Labour to work together

David Levy's threat to resign yesterday was Hezbollah will draw enormous encouragenot especially novel. The Israeli Foreign Minister has spent most of his political career either aspiring to high office or contemplating leaving it. In the current circumstances it might be in Binyamin Netanyahu's best interests if Mr Levy and his Gesher Party did withdraw from his-Government. That could prove the catalyst for the Prime Minister to form a national coalition administration. Israel's next Foreign Minister should be Ehud Barak, a former general and the Labour Party leader.

Mr Levy's protest was prompted by Mr Netanyahu's decision to send a hit-squad into Jordan to assassinate Khaled Meshaal, a key figure in the Hamas movement. This has proved to be an undiluted disaster. The Mossad agents concerned were captured by the Jordanian authorities. King Hussein, Israel's most important Arab neighbour, was understandably outraged. As a result the Prime Minister was forced swiftly to release the Hamas founder, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, and 70 other Jordanians and Palesinians from an Israeli prison. Such action loes not fit well with Mr Netanyahu's stated

bjective of a war on terrorism. The Meshaal affair has come but a few weeks after Israel lost 12 elite soldiers during a poorly planned raid in southern Lebanon. The country's once awesome reputation on nilitary issues has thus been badly tarrished. No such shift could be more langerous for the Israeli state. Hamas and

ment from Mr Netanyahu's misfortunes. The fact that both operations were personally approved by the Prime Minister, apparently against the advice of his most senior intelligence advisers, has inevitably brought his personal competence into question. He needs to restore his standing. Israel now faces some fundamental

dilemmas. It must decide on what terms, if any, it can permit the Palestinian Authority to become an entity closer to a real country. This will involve choices that have crucial implications for its security. Israel cannot afford to make mistakes on these matters. Its leadership must seek the maximum consensus. A divided and incoherent multi-party majority -- held hostage by factions of little size and less flexibility - is not the basis on which to enter serious negotiations.

It is Israel's unique character to be as much a cause as a country. That should permit Mr Netanyahu and Mr Barak to serve together despite their differences. Next year will mark the 50th anniversary of the foundation of Israel as a modern nation. It may also be the moment in which its destiny for the next 50 years is determined. Mr Netanyahu has an elected mandate to pursue peace with security. He may find it impossible to use it properly without a Likud-Labour coalition. All those with Israel's future at heart should encourage the Prime Minister and the Labour leader to reach an accommodation and an alliance.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### law of homicide

From Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC. and Professor Terence Morris

Sir, If the Prime Minister should sign up to Protocol 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights in Stras-bourg this weekend, it will finally abolish the punishment of death in this country.

But, in a sense, that is an issue upon which Parliament made a decision 30 years ago and the final exclusion of treason, piracy and some offences against military law merely removes outdated anomalies. Much more important is the question of what to do with the law of homicide. In July, in an outstanding judgment of Lord Mustill, the House of Lords pronounced in a case on the margins between murder and manslaughter.

One could expect a developed system to em-body a law of murder clear enough to yield an unequivocal result on a given set of facts, a result which conforms with apparent jus-tice and has a sound intellectual base. This is not so in England, where the law of homi-cide is permeated by anomaly, fiction, misnomer and obsolete reasoning

Attempts to abolish the mandatory life sentence for murder and to provide for greater flexibility in sentencing have so far met with no success. The time has now surely come for a reforming Government to put for ward proposals for a modern law of homicide that both meets the requirements of justice and accords with the social and moral realities of our time.

Yours truly, LOUIS BLOM-COOPER. TERENCE MORRIS (Professor Emeritus of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of London). 23 Eastgate Street, Winchester, Hampshire. October 4.

#### Tories at bay

From Mr Ian Lucas

Sir, Unlike Simon Jenkins ("Don't panic, Mr Hague", October S), I was a Labour candidate and was hearing from voters direct why they were going-to vote Labour on May I. I regard it as a gross distortion to suggest that "boredom" with the Conservative Government was the main reason why former Tory voters made the switch to Labour.

Those people told me repeatedly that they were disgusted with the "sleaze" which they saw in the Tory against it. They also constantly refer-red to the promises made by the Tories in 1992 which were so swiftly broken.

Voters were ready to vote Labour in 1997 in a way which they would not in 1992. This was largely due to the impact made by Tony Blair and the internal reforms within the Labour

That is why, here in North Shropshire, Labour achieved its best-ever result this year, eclipsing the Liberal Democrats by 8,000 votes and coming within just over 2,000 votes of winning the seat.

Yours faithfully, IAN LUCAS (Labour parliamentary candidate, Shropshire North, 1997), Aylestone Weston Lane, Oswestry, Shropshire.

From Mr Robin Wendt

Sir, In asserting that "British Conservatism won the great argument of postwar Britain" by redefining the public and private sectors of the political economy. Simon Jenkins raises an important issue but answers the question too glibly.

Certainly the balance of public and private ownership in industry may be settled for the foreseeable future. However, in the key political area of the public utilities vital questions are unresolved, including the proper dis-tribution of reward between consumers and shareholders and how effective public accountability is to be secured. There is a big uncompleted agenda here.

Yours faithfully. ROBIN WENDT 28 Church Lane. Upton-by-Chester, Chester, Cheshire October 9.

From Mr Neil Page

Sir, Mr Hague has told the Conservative Party to "stop apologising". Have I missed something?

Yours faithfully, NEIL PAGE, The Music Department, Uppingham School, Rutland LEI5 9QE.

#### Stuck in the post

From Mr David Soward

Sir, I am intrigued to read that the Royal Mail have "perfected the self-adhesive stamp" following "nearly four years' research" and "an extensive trial in Scotland" (report. October 7).

Why did they not simply ask the French post office, who have been using self-adhesive stamps for years?

Yours faithfully. DAVID SOWARD, Dunnocks. Ellenor Drive, Alderton. Nr Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire. October 8.

#### Call for a modern Court closures that threaten justice

From Mr A. J. M. Baldwin

Sir, According to a recent article in The Lawyer (August 5, 1997) more than 160 out of nearly 550 magistrates' courts have been closed in the past ten years, partly in order to finance the additional tier of administration introduced by the Police and Magistrates'

These closures have not, for the

most part, occurred in areas where the

Lord Chancellor has approved combined appointments as justices' clerk/ chief executive and where benches have also been able to retain their jus-The true cost and inconvenience to

the public of these closures seems not to have been assessed. Those responsible for taking a broader view might usefully explore this: they might also

consider the words of Lord Justice Lloyd in 1988, in R v Reading Crown Court ex parte Hutchinson:

Magistrates' courts are local courts and there is one in every town of any size in England... I believe this egalitarian aspect of seeking recourse to the law in a magistrates' court to be an important sign of the availability of justice for all.

Is it possible now to state there is a magistrates' court in every town of any size in England? If not, is this viewed with concern by policymakers?

Yours faithfully, ALAN BALDWIN (Justices' Clerk and Chief Executive for Hounslow). Justices' Clerk's Office, Hanworth Road. Feltham, Middlesex. October 6.

to the many other professionals) who

endeavour to administer justice every

day in magistrates' courts. I believe

that such remarks can only distort

any sensible discussion about the trial

I am not aware of any evidence that

justice is more likely to be achieved in

the Crown Court than in the lower

courts, or that juries provide more of a

'public check" on the "excesses of the

judiciary and the police" to which Mr

Wood alludes than do magistrates

My experience is that most judges

and magistrates can be quite robust

when the occasion demands. In any

event, we would do well to remember

that many of the miscarriages of jus-

tice exposed recently have followed

trials by jury.
I acknowledge the harmful impact

that criminal proceedings can have on

defendants and their families and,

indeed, on many victims. However,

magistrates hear at least 97 per cent of

all criminal prosecutions and are thus

experienced in handling the many sensitive issues to which they give

It is also worth noting that, as far as

"either-way" offences are concerned —

ie, those that can be tried either by

magistrates' or Crown courts - most

defendants are quite happy to accept

trial by the former, and that most of

those who elect to be tried by jury

actually plead guilty when they get to

the Crown Court, thus failing to sub-

mit themselves to the judgment of

their peers and obscuring the real rea-

I firmly believe that the contribu-

justice system and to society as a

whole is immense and that nothing is

to be gained by attacking the integrity

son for their election for trial.

of those who work there.

Yours sincerely, ROBERT CHRONNELL,

Chief Crown Prosecutor,

St Albans, Hertfordshire.

CPS Anglia Area.

Oneens House

October 7.

58 Victoria Street.

of criminal offences.

and their clerks.

#### Magistrates under fire

From the Chairman of the Magistrates Association

Sir, Mr Charles Evans claims (letter, September 24) that replacing lay magistrates with stipendiaries would sig-nificantly reduce the legal aid bill because there would be fewer appeals to the higher courts. He omitted to mention the excellent record of lay magistrates in respect of appeals against their decisions - only I per cent of cases are appealed, and less than half are successful.

The strength of the lay magistracy is that justice is administered by a tribunal of three people, not by a single person being in effect judge and jury. All lay justices are unpaid volunteers. trained and from their local communities; they carry out their judicial duties effectively, efficiently and fairly, with their work complemented by

stipendiaries in certain areas. Research recently commissioned for the Lord Chancellor's Department concluded that stipendiaries did work slightly faster than lay justices, but only by a factor of 5:4, and that they were therefore unlikely to produce the savings suggested by Mr Evans. Indeed, in a speech in July this year, the Lord Chancellor himself said that in cost terms the lay magistracy offers excellent value for money.

The Magistrates' Association is

working with government departments to find ways of reducing unnecessary delay, but it must be remembered that justice must not be sacrificed for the sake of speed or cost. Yours faithfully,

ANNE R. FULLER Chairman. The Magistrates' Association. 28 Fitzroy Square, Wi.

From the Chief Crown Prosecutor, Anglia Area

Sir. The disparaging reference by Mr Nicholas Wood to "summary justice" (letter, October 3) will have given great offence to the thousands of lay and stipendiary justices (and, indeed,

#### **Morton and Red Cross** Princess's funeral

From Mr Christopher Atkins

Sir, I believe that the Red Cross are correct in being careful from whom they accept donations - in this case from Mr Andrew Morton, author of Diana, Her True Story — in Her Own Words (letter from Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC, October 7: see also let-

ter, October 8).
I wonder if Mr Morton is seeking to buy our good opinion. If he felt genuinely that the donation was appropriate then he could have made it without a fanfare of publicity. He might follow the scriptures and let not the left hand know what the right is

Mr Thwaites's argument is along the lines that since the cause is good then any means of raising money is justified. Shall we then allow criminals to buy our good opinion? Charities rely on the public's gener-

osity and their ethics should thus be beyond reproach.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER ATKINS, 210 Chislehurst Road. Petrs Wood, Kent. October 8.

#### Sir, As a Roman Catholic priest I was

From Father Gerard Quinn

rather surprised to discover that I was in almost total agreement with the comments by the Reverend Neil Ross of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland on the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales (report, October 7). However, I would like to assure

him that the service was not the product of "Romish superstition", because of "the way the clergy addressed not God but the deceased If the funeral service had been Ro-

man Catholic, then it would have had far more extensive readings from the scriptures and not just one reading and a selection of secular poetry; it would also have consisted of prayers in various forms addressed to the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit.

In Roman Catholic thinking God alone takes centre stage and cannot be replaced by any human being, not even Elton John.

Yours faithfully, GERARD QUINN. St Mary's Catholic Church, 279 High Road, East Finchley, N2.

#### London fashion

From Miss Louisa Catherine Radice

Sir. The fashion industry might have reason to be regarded as more than "meaningless fun" (Miss Karen Vincent's letter, October 3) if it took its responsibilities to the wider environment more seriously.

The ecological problems associated with the manufacture of clothing and textiles are many and varied: soil erosion caused by cotton cultivation; acid rain and carbon dioxide produced during the manufacture of petrochemical-derived fibres; the replacement of biodiverse forest ecosystems with single-species timber plantations for the purpose of viscose and rayon production; water pollution resulting from the bleaching and dyeing processes, and so on -- to say nothing of the poor wages and conditions suffered by sweatshop workers in

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developing countries.

Miss Vincett is quite right in saying that "the effects of [the fashion industry] reach everyone". Isn't it high time that London's fashion designers made an effort to clean up their act on a glohal scale?

LOUISA RADICE. 29 Fife Park, Strathkinness High Road, St Andrews, Fife. lcr1@st-andrews.ac.uk

From Mrs G. Moffat

Sir. Miss Vincett has hit the nail on the head. The public certainly do need "educating to recognise that [fashion]

is a serious industry".

Perhaps then we shall be able to enthuse over the examples highlighted by the media.

Imaginel One day we may encounter the likes of Naomi Campbell in a supermarket, bare breasts and all, and be able to react in an informed

Sincerely, G. MOFFAT, 37 Greenless Road. Wallasey, Merseyside. October 3.

#### Hard to obey the **House of Bishops**

From the Reverend Henry Whyte

Sir, Some 800 churches up and down the country have been invited and authorised to use the proposed new marriage and funeral services (report, October 3; letters, October 7) on an experimental basis. As part of this scheme I received the papers last week and I have been asked to complete and return the response forms by January

It is hard to believe the statement in the covering letter that the Liturgical Commission and the House of Bishops are "anxious to hear feedback

from use of these services". They surely know that most parishes have few, if any, weddings in the last three months of the year. We have just one, for which the order of service has already been discussed and agreed, which means that although experimental use of the marriage service sounds very good, its substance is

There is more possibility of our using the draft funeral services, but once again the time allowed for this is all too short. The suggestion from the Liturgical Commission that "it may be a good idea to set up a small group of lay people who can monitor the use of the new material\* takes little account of the realities of parish life, especially in the run-up to Christmas.

Could not the Liturgical Commission and the House of Bishops at the very least extend the period of experimental use and feedback?

I can already hear the response, that the revision timetable will not permit this. In that case it would have been far better not to have embarked on this poorly thought-out and, no doubt, costly exercise.

Yours faithfully, HENRY WHYTE Vicar). St Michael and All Angels, Blackheath Park, 2 Pond Road, SE3.

From the Very Reverend Peter Baelz Sir, To dispel all possible doubt about the meaning of wifely "obedience", why not revert to the old Sarum use, whereby the bride promises, in the vernacular, to h "bu ite and huxum [pleasing and compliant] in Jed and at

Yours faithfully. PETER BAELZ (Dean Emeritus of Durham), Llandrindod Wells, Powys.

From Dr T. Varagunam

Sir, It is only a theoretical, if not futile, exercise to dissect out "obey" from the other two emotions - love and honour. All three form an indivisible cluster in holistic eastern philosophies. One who truly loves and honours the spouse cannot but help

Yours faithfully. T. VARAGUNAM, 2 Rajapihilla Terrace. Kandy, Sri Lanka. October 7.

#### Green and healthy

From Dr Paul Sibly

Sir, David Prichard tells only part of the story about vegetarian propa-ganda at Wycliffe College (letter, October 7). In their zeal for this cause my forebears, who founded and ran the college for over sixty years, made sure their favoured non-carnivorous athletes had a head start by providing them with far superior food. They may have been fat, but they were certainly fast.

Might I suggest that if Mr Prichard wants his vegetarian scholars back he should offer them the crude but effective carrot of large helpings of their favoured rations?

Yours sincerely. PAUL SIBLY (Deputy Headmaster). Nottingham High School, Waverley Mount, Nottingham. paulsibly@rmplc.co.uk October 8.

#### Into thin air

From Mr Roderick Chamberlain

Sir, Earlier this year my wife gave me a new suitbag. This inoffensive object has now contrived to be lost by the airlines on every single one of its first three trips abroad, achieving a remarkable 100 per cent failure rate in its brief life. I wonder if this is a record.

Yours faithfully, RODERICK CHAMBERLAIN, Pykes House, Highdere, Newbury, Berkshire. October 6.

#### Drink and health

From Dr R. G. Rawling

Sir, The problem Mr Gerald Vinestock (letter, October 3) has of achieving a balanced diet is easily solved - a bottle in each hand should suffice.

Yours faithfully. R. G. RAWLING, Maxwell House Maxwell Road, Ben Rhyding, Ilkley, West Yorkshire. October 4.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

HMS Norfolk at Devenport.

Her Royal Highness, Presiden

the Birminham Royal Ballet, this

mière of Edward II at the

Birmingham Hippodrome and was received by Mr J.D. Saville (Deputy Lieutenant of West Mid-

October 9: Princess Alice, Duchess

of Glowcester, Air Chief Com-mandant, Women, Royal Air Force, this afternoon received Air

Commodore Cynthia Fowler.
The Duke and Duchess of

Glouceser today visited Greater Manchester and were received by

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenan (Colonel John Timmins).

The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited the Museum of Science and Industry.

Her Royal Highness this after-

noon viewed the redevelopment of

The Duke of Gloucester later visited Manchester Business Link,

Manchester City Centre.
The Duchess of Gloucester this morning visited the Beechwood

Cancer Care Centre, Stockport. Her Royal Highness this after-

noon opened the Phase I Redevelopment at Trafford Gen-

The Duchess of Gloucester

Lecture on European-American

Relations and a Dinner at the

Royal Institute of International

Affairs, Chatham House, S James's Square, London SWI.

Royal engagement

The Duke of York, patron, will attend the Blackheath Golf Club

annual diriner at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich, London SE18, at 7.15.

The Rev Michael Anthony Moxon

Canon of St George's Chapel, Windsor, and Chaplain to the

Queen, has is to be the next Dean

of Truro Cathedral. He will succeed the Very Rev David John Shearlock, who is to resign on

The Rev Derek Chedzey, Curate, Haddenham w Cuddington, Kingsey and Aston Sandford (Oxford): to be Team Vicar, High Wycombe Team with special responsibility for Booker

with special responsibility of Birinus (same diocese).

ym-Mochnant, (St Asaph).

to retire October 11.

Retirements and resignations

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the Castle Basin area, Castlefield.

KENSINGTON PALACE

evening attended the British Pre-

GOVERNOR'S HOUSE, LAHORE October 9: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning left Islamabad and flew to

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received at Karachi Airport by the Governor of Sindh (Lieutenant General Moin Uddin

Th Queen later attended a Luncheon given by the Governor at the Governor's House, Karachi. Her Majesty this afternoon opened a Trade Exhibition at the Pearl Continental Hotel, toured the stands at the exhibition and met the Deputy High Commission staff and fam The Queen later laid a Wreath at

Jinnah's Tomb. The Duke of Edinburgh visited the ICI Plant, Karachi, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this afternoon left Ka-

rachi and flew to Lahore. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were received at the Airport by the Governor of Punjab (Shahid Hamid).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner given by the Prime Min-ister (Mian Mohammed Nawaz Sharif) at Lahore Fort.

The Princess Royal, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investitute at Buckingham Palace this morning.

President, later visited the Princess Christian College. Fallowfield, **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** Greater Manchester. October 9: The Prince Edward. President, this evening held at THATCHED HOUSE LODGE Reception for the National Youth Music Theatre at Buckingham RICHMOND PARK October 9: Princess Alexandra this

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

morning opened the new play-ground of Alexandra Infant School to mark the Twenty Fifth Anniver-sary of the School at Alexandra October 9: The Princess Royal. President, British Kniming and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon attended a Career and Road. Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.
Her Royal Highness, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Workwear Show by Company Clothing/Clothing World at the Ogilvy, this evening attended the first C. Douglas Dillon Annual Business Design Centre, Islington.

London N!. Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, afterwards opened the Stakis London Islington Hotel, Upper Street, Islington, London

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this evening attended the British Nautical Awards at the Café Royal, Regent Street, London Wi. KENSINGTON PALACE October 9: The Princess Margaret,

BIRTHS: Jacobus Arminius,

theologian, Oudewater, The Netherlands, 1560; Jean-Antoine

Watteau, painter, Valenciennes, France, 1684; Henry Cavendish,

chemist and physicist, Nice, 1731;

Royal Academy 1792-1820, Spring-field. Pennsylvania, 1738; John

Aberdeen, 1780: Hugh Miller,

geologist, Cromarty, 1802; Giuseppe Verdi, composer, Parma, Italy, 1813; Sir John Simon,

pathologist and sanitary reformer.

London, 1816; Paul Kruger, Presi-

dent of the South African Republic 1883-1902, Colesberg, Cape Colony,

1825; Rufus Isaacs, Ist Marquess of

Reading, Lord Chief Justice 1913-21. Viceroy of India 1921-26. London, 1860: Fridtjof Nansen.

Arctic explorer, statesman, Nobel

Peace laureate 1922, Store-Freen,

Norway, 1861: Alberto Giacometti

painter and sculptor. Stampa.

DEATHS: Fra Filippo Lippi,

painter, Spoleto, Italy, 1469; William Wilkie, "the Scottish Homer".

1772; Henry Brooke, novelist, Dub-

lin. 1783: François Marie Charles

Fourier, socialist writer, Paris,

of France 1933-34 and 1938-40,

Paris, 1970; Sir Ralph Richardson, actor, London, 1983; Yul Brynner,

Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst, British

suffragette, formed the Women's

Manchester to fight for female

A German bomb destroyed the

high altar of St Paul's Cathedral,

The Fiji Islands were proclaimed

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actor, New York, 1985.

London, 1940.

BIRTHS

independent, 1970.

1837: Edouard Daladier, Premier

Switzerland, 1901.

Abercrombie.

min West, President of the

physician

**Anniversaries** 

#### **Birthdays** today

Sir John Cassels, former director-general, NEDO, 69. Mr Winston S. Churchill, 57; Mr Charles Dance, actor, 51; Mr Ted Edgar, showjumper, 62; the Right Rev A.I.M. Haggart, former Bishop of Edinburgh, 82; Sir Peter Kemp, civil servant, 63; Lord Kincraig, 79: Professor J.B. Large, Professor of Applied Acoustics, Southampton Uni-67; Mr Daniel actor, 64; Mr versity. Nicholas Parsons, broadcaster, 69: Mr Harold Pinter, playwright, 67; Dr Brian Smith. Vice-Chancellor, University of Wales, Cardiff, 64; the Earl of Stockton, 54; Mr Chris Tarrant, broad-caster, 51; Mr Frank H. Taylor, former MP, 90: Sir Richard Thornton, Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, 75; Mr Midge Ure, rock singer. 44; Mr Ben Vereen, actor, 51; Mr Willard White, singer and

#### Receptions

Viscount Younger of Leckie. KT Viscount Younger of Leckie, KT, President of the Atlantic Council of the United Kingdom, was the host and welcomed the guests at a reception held last night at the House of Lords. Baroness Ramsa of Cartvale, chair of the council also s<del>p</del>oke.

The University of Westminster The Partners of Vizards and Dr Geoffrey Copland, Vice-Chancellor and Rector of the University of Westminster, were the hosts at a Reception last evening at The Law Society, after an address delivered by Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, entitled The Effect of the Woolf Reforms upon Defendants and Insurers".

#### Service dinners

RN Regulating branch Rear-Admiral P.M. Franklyn, Flag Officer Surface Flotilla, was the guest of honour at the annual officers' dinner of the Royal Naval Regulating branch held last night in HMS Excellent, Portsmooth. Commander J. Beardall, RN, Provost Marshal (Navy), presided.

The King's Royal Rifle Corps General Sir Roland Guy presider at the annual dinner of the Celer et Audax Club held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

#### CLI Dining Club

Colonel G.T. Spate, Chairman of the CLI Dining Club, presided at a dinner of former officers of 151 (Greater London) Support Regiment RLC (V) held last night at Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Irm. Lieutenant-Colonel Desmond was the guest of honour.

#### Dinner

Upholders' Company The Lord Mayor, accompanied by The Rev Cedric Blakey, Vicar, the Sheriffs and their ladies. Heanor St Lawrence and Rura Dean of Heanor (Derby): to be Chaplain to the Bishop of Derby. attended the annual dinner of the Upholders' Company heid last night at the Mansion House. Mr The Rev Brian Branche, Vicar, New Eltham All Saints (Southwark): to be Vicar, Barkingside Holy Trinity Peter Allocca, Master, presided. assisted by Mr Roy Alan Wood. Senior Warden, and Mr Clive Brian Roffe, Junior Warden. The Rev Lawrence Carson-Featham, formerly Vicar, Ashton St James (Manchester): to be Assistant Curale, Leeds St John and St Barnabas, Belle Late (Prince).

#### **Baron Davies** of Oldham

The life barony conferred upon Mr Bryan Davies has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Davies of Oldham, of Broxbourne in the County of Hertfordshire.

#### The Rev Barry Collins, Governor M Prison Bullingdon (Oxford): to Priest-in-Charge, Bengeworth **Baroness Pitkeathley**

The life barony conferred upon Mrs Jill Elizabeth Pitkeathley has The Rev Stephen Connor, Team Vicar, The Langport Area Churches (Bath & Wells): to be Vicar, Withycombe Raleigh Team (Exeter). been gazetted by the name, style of Caversham in the Royal Count The Rev Colin Crumpton, Edensor (Lichfield): to be Vicar, Llanchaedarof Berkshire.

#### Spectacle Makers' Company

The Rev John Buller, Rector, Woolstone w Gotherington and Ozenton and Kemerton (Gloucester) The following have been elected officers for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr Peter Crockford Mills:
Upper Warden, Mr Frank Goodwin
Norville: Reuter Warden, Mr Anthony
Hugh Chignell. The Rev James Knights, Vicar, Dudley Sr John (Worcester) retired October 5.

## Archaeology

Liz McCudden beneath Kichka's Breakfast, I, by Daniel Spoerri, at an exhibition

entitled Objects of desire: the modern still life, at the Hayward Gallery in London. The exhibition, which is sponsored by BMW in association with The Times,

presents more than 100 of the century's most significant sculptures and paintings by

63 artists from public and private collections. Public inquiries: 0171-928 3144

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#### Walled city 'pushes back birth of urban civilisation by centuries'

By NORMAN HAMMOND ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

URBAN civilisation may have begun earlier and elsewhere than has hitherto been believed. Recent excavations in northeastern Svria indicate that a walled city existed at Tell Brak by 3800 BC, several centuries older than the first such towns in Mesopotamia, and that a precursor of writing was present

Tell Brak lies on the Khabur River, almost midway between the upper reaches of the Tigris and Euphrates and close to the uplands of Armenia. A strategic pass gives access to copper sources to the north, and the city developed where Mesopotamia and Anatolia were linked.

The site was originally studied in 1937-39 by Sir Max Mallowan, whose wife, Dame Agatha Christie, wrote an entertaining book, Come tell me how you live, about life on a dig. The log-acre tell, built up over many centuries of occupa-tion, includes the famous Eye Temple of 3000 BC found by Mallowan which yielded hundreds of idols with outsized eyes.

The present excavators, Profes-sor David Oates and Dr Joan tes, of the McDonald Institute at Cambridge University, have already uncovered an Akkadian fortress of the ruler Naram-Sin of around 2400 BC and a Mitannian palace of some eight centuries later. Their current work, carried out this spring, has shown that sophisticated architecture was present much earlier. The most

walls have internal chambers and and are a standard feature of later military architecture.

The inner wall at Tell Brak is 6ft thick, built of large mud bricks and plastered. The outer wall stoos short, creating an open court in front of the gate. The gate itself is wide enough to take a chariot, and has a massive oft long basalt threshold stone. Against its inner face the builders had placed an equally massive basalt slab with the socket for the lower end of the door pivot. The door seems to have been a single leaf, opening in-wards, and the entire construction is dated to around 3800 BC.

Although Dr Geoffrey Ember

next year, would like to trace the walls further, the overburden of later construction and debris makes this difficult, although evidence may be exposed in a natural emsion channel a few yards away. into the side of the pre-existing mound, converting it into a citadel. A later set of walls overlay the first, still using the same gate, and similar structures have been detected several hundred varids away, indicating that the fortifications were extensive. Casemate Ziyade, further south on the Khabur, by Professor Frank Hole

of Yale University, showing that

Tell Brak is not unique in the

region and period. Later, the massive defences went out of use

ivory imports date to the Middle Uruk period in the late third millennum BC. By 3500 BC, the excavators have found early picto-graphic dockets in which an nal representation is accompanied by a number. Pottery vessels have marks which seem to

indicate ownership or contents. This is "unique evidence not only that the widespread accounting system attested more widely in Late Uruk times had its origins some centuries before but that these developments are well-represented on indigenous northern sites", Professor and Dr Oates say.

Even more important in a wider context of the emergence of civilisation in the Middle East is the fact that this material is significantly earlier than the early written tablets from Warka (or Uruk), "the greatest of early cities, distin-guished not only by unique and extraordinarily impressive public buildings and their contents, but by the earliest manifestation of writing, that supposed hallmark of the civilised", the report says.

The problem is little is known of the emergence of Uruk, which seems to have developed rapidly towards 3000 BC. Tell Brak has the fourth-millennium deposits not found in Sumer. While further digging "may sustain the belief that we must look to South Mesopotamia for the world's first cities, an increasing body of data from North Mesopotamia points to an apparently earlier and seemingly independent urban development. Source: Cambridge Archaeological Journal 7: 273-306.

## Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.L. Cohen and Miss V.J. Hipps

The engagement is announced between Jeremy Leonard, son of Mr and Mrs Michael S. Cohen. and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul A. Hipps.

Mr J.N.B. Cook and Mrs M.A. McCailoch The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mrs Jean Cook and the late Mr Ernesi Cook, of Merstham, Surrey, and Marcia McCulloch, of New Abbey. Dumfries, daughter of Mrs Lois Priestley and the late Captain A.V.

Mr M.R. Davenport and Miss V.C. Abbott

and Miss V.C. Abbott

The engagement is announced between Martin Rupert, youngest son of the late Keith Davemport and of Mrs Catherine Davemport, of Dorking, Surrey, and Victoria Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Daniel Abbott, of Henfield, West Sussex.

Mr R.I. Finlay and Miss E.M.A. Clayson The engagement is announced between Rodger, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Finlay, of Dunedin, New Zealand, and Emily, only daugher of Air Commodore and Mrs John Clayson, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr G.R. Hussey and Miss LJ. Knon The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Mr and Mrs David Hussey, of Nayland, Suffolk, and Lindsay-Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Knott, of "Glen Muir". Fort Beaufort, Eastern Cape, South

Mr G.J. McMahon and Miss S.J. Lawes

The engagement is announced between Gregory, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. McMahon, of Oldham, Lancashire, and Sophie. daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs C. Lawes, of Derbyshire. Mr D.S. Phelps and Miss D.N.N. Adlington

The engagement is announced between David Simon Phelps, of Parsons Green, London, Danielle, daughter of the late Mr. Nicholas Adlington and of Mrs. Adlington of Fulham, London. Mr G.P. Steele and Miss C.M.J. Powles

The engagement is announced between Graham Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Steele, of Billericay, Essex, and Clare Mary Jane, elder daughter of the late Mr Frank Powles and of Mrs Powles. of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Mr M. Taylor

and Miss J. Creamer The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest son of Dr and Mrs J.B. Taylor, of Geneva. Switzerland, and Jennifer. youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.F. Creamer, of Limerick,

#### Marriages Mr P. Henry

and Miss T. Germing The marriage took place on Saturday, September 27, at St Osmund's Roman Catholic Church, Barnes, of Mr Paul Henry, son of Mr and Mrs Miles Henry, of Newbury, Berkshire, to Miss Tara Germing, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerry Germing of Barnes, London

Germing of saries, London.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Emily Philips and Gala de Zulueta, her niece. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents and the honeymoon is being spent in Portugal

Mr LA Taylor and Miss L.Q. Wong The marriage took place on Saturday, October 4, 1997, at Chelsea Old Town Hall, between Mr lain Alasdair Taylor, elder son of the late Mr Alasdair Taylor and of Mrs Mhairi G. Taylor, of

Richmond, Surrey, and Miss Li Oun Wong, younger daughter of the late Mr Cheng Fuk Wong and of Mrs Fung Ying Wong, of Banbury, Oxfordshire. The bride was attended by Miss Rachel Thomas. Dr Alasdau

Ruairidh Taylor was best man. The honeymoon is being spent Legal appointment Mr Ian Penman has been re-appointed to the Council on Tri-

#### Memorial service

Captain Dick Ker

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Captain David John Richard (Dick) Ker was held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev Leslie Bryan, Chaplain to the Household Di-

vision, officiated.

Mr Christopher Loyd read Do not stand at my grave and weep by an American Indian, and Hum-phrey Ker, grandson, read from the works of Minnie Louise Haskins. Mr Victor Hoare gave an address. Among others present

(brother-in-taw), Sir Firzwilliam, Barrington, Anne Lady Ramsden, Mr and Mrs John Pollock, Lord and Lady Holderness, Captain and Mrs Charles Toller, Mrs Bill Price, the Earl and Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire, Mrs Simon, Ward, Lord and Lady Kimball, Mr and Mrs Patrick Crosthwalle.

The Duke of Devonshire, KG, the

The Duke of Devonshire, KG, the Duke and Duchess of Rozburghe, the Marquess and Marchioness of

Porter, Mr William van Straubenizer.
Mr Angus McCali (Irish Guards).
Judge Hubert Dunn, QC, (Women
Carling Trust for the Children of Northern treiand), Mr R U Gasteli
(Tattersalls Committee), Mr E
McKillien (North Downs Harriers),
Major E M Conton (representing
the Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding Coldstream Guards)
and many other friends and former
colleagues.

#### Latest wills

Lady (Ines) Burrows, of East Dean, West Sussex, left estate valued at £601,988 net. Lady Corbet, of Acton Reynald. Shrewsbury, left estate valued at E243,135 net.

Philippa Louisa Adams, of London W12, left estate valued at E3.058.028 net. She left £2,000 to the White Bagie Lodge, New Lands, Rake Liss, Hampshire plus her residuary estate to the PDSA.

John Cyril **Wallwork**, of Abersoch, Pwilheli, North Wales, left estate valued at £3,918,164 net Pamela Margaret Foster, of

Pulhorough. West Sussex, left estate valued at £2,456,164 net. Stanley Herbert West, of Newton Bromswold, Rushden, North-amptonshire, left estate valued at Katharine Anne Dur

Harrogate, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £3,108,458 net. She left £500 to St Jude's church, Hartwith

Muriel Edith Lee, of Wokingham, Berkshire, left estate valued at £1.018,88} net.

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to the Donkey Sanctuary. Sidmouth,
the RSPCA, The RSPE, the RNLL the
Ste Ryder Foundation, Hearing Dogs
for the Deaf, the National Trust,
Marie Curis Cancer Care, St
Tiggywinkies Wildlife Hospital Trust,
the Zerry Green Foundation Trust,
Wilberforce Home for Multiple
Handicapped Blind and Ald for the
Aged in Distress. Alexandra Peddle, of Cirencester,

Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £1,297,845 met. Lieutenant-Colonel Harold Eldon Scott, of Kingston, Corfe Castle, Dorset, left estate valued at £1.078.560 net.

Patrick Fitzgerald Longford, of Leicester, left estate valued at £1,289,436 net. He left £4,000 to Trinity College, Dublin, and £1,000 to the Parish of All Saints, Wigston Magna, Leicestershire.

Marjorie Crane, of Lymington, Hampshire, left estate valued at E1,099,717 net.

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DEATHS

SARRELL - On October 4th 1997, to Amanda (née Fessaley) and Julian, a son, George Edward Rivers, a brother for William.

COVELL - On 6th October, to James and Olivin (née Talbot), a son, a brother for Ruport and Ambella. GARRETT - On October 5th, in Australia, to Enma (nie Le Brocq) and Rich, a daughter, India Matikia Resyn.

LEE - On October 4th at The Portland Hospital, 10 Julie (née Logan) and Brian, 2 daughter, Annabelle May. MANTA - On October 3rd at

PATERSON - On October 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (Cawthrs) and Quantin, a son, Nonh, a boother for Tabitha.

ROOMANS - On October 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Carola and Eelco, a son, Towny Pletst,

Graham) and Philip, a beautiful son, William James David, on 7th October 1997.

John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium, on Tuesday October 14th at 11.30 am October 14th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to either The British Lung Foundation or World Wide Fund for Nature, may be sent to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4TE.

CAMPBELL - Commander Loudoun Campbell, Royal Navy, suddenly on 3rd October 1997, after many years of ill-health, borne with great courage. Adored husband of Joan and dearly loved brother-in-law, uncle and great-uncle. He requested a private family funeral which has taken place. No letters please. Domations, if whated, to King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, West Screen.

CLEARY - John Martin, dearly loved husband of Clare, died suddenly but peacefully on October 7th at home. Sadly missed by his wife, sous John, Peter, James, Philips and grandchildren. Requies at St Mary's Cathedral, Wazaham on Monday 13th October 1997 at 12 mon. No flowers by request. Donations to The Mother Teresa Fund.

RODRISS - Conant on Tuesday October 7th 1997, in Oxford, after a long Uness. Eusband of Alison and father of Catriona. Funeral Service in the St Ottenale - Irene Constance (née Haversom) on October ôth aged 91 years, with of-the late Right Hon, John Dugdale, Fencerully in her school of the American Septimes Cancer, Fernand at Westerfeigh Carmatorium, Reistel on Saturday October

> GENT - Hubert aged 75 years peacefully at Ronkswood Hospital, Worcester, on Tuesday 7th Cutcher 1997, beloved husband of beloved husband of Margaret, twin brother of Fabl, father of Ann, David and Ilan, grandfather of Alice and Eleanor. The funeral service will take place at Woncaster Cremetorium on Wednesday 15th October 1997 at 11.30 nm. Fundly flowers only please. Donations if desired to Augusty International, Shelter or Ozfam c/o Bedwardine Funezal Servica 1 St Johns, Woocaster WE2 5AE, tel: (01905) 748811

SETTER - Paul sged 73 suddenly at home on let October, husband of Nicole, father of Mandy and Jennifer, grandfather of four. Jennifer, grandfather of four. For many years teacher at George Green School, Isle of Dogs. Service on Tearday 14th October at Christ 14th October at Christ Church, Manchester Bond, Isle of Dogs at 11 am, followed by cremation at City of London Crematorium, Aldershrook Road, Manor Park, El2 at 1230 pm. If degrad flowers or Gonations to a favorite charity, All enquiries to Francis Chappell, 5 Thomas Street, SEIO, tair (0181) 254-0289. MARCUS - Hans Herbert, International Lawyer. Died peacefully in his sleep on 8th October after a long limess which he fought with great coungs. Son of the late Alice and Otto Mancus of Hamburg, much loved busbord of Josephine, father of Thomas and Rebert. of Thomas and Robestepfather to Penny. Fun stepfather to Femor. Femoral at Putney Vale Cometery, Stag Lame, SW15 3DZ at 215 pm on 17th October. No flowers please. Dunations in lieu to be sent to Colin Dunaton, Solicitor, 14 New Stract, London EC2M 4TE, to provide a fund for rafuges pupils at Ragby School.

ROWELL - Cecil Victor, on October 7th, at Gavin Aster House, Aylesford, Dearly loved fisher of Gooffroy and Derek, and grandfather of Easts and David. Bequiets and Femeral at S. Laurence Chunch, Upminster, Essex, on Thursday, October 16th at 11 am. Family flowers only, Donntions, if wished, to Gavin Aster House or RMIE

RYALL - On October 8th David, beloved husband to Jackie, died suddenly but peachfully. Very much loved by his family and friends and will be safly infraed. Fundral Service on 16th October at St Clies Church, Kingston, 12.15. No Downs please. Denations, if denined, to Great October 8 Son, St Gregorys, Military Road, Canterbury.

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TROTMAN - On October 9th 1997, Arthur George, of Wangarra, Berks. Funeral at 8t Andrew's Church, Somning on Wednesday October 15th at 1130 am. Enquiries to AB. Walker & Son Ltd., tel: 0118 9673660.

WEBBER - Celia died peacefully on October 6th at Dunoran Home, Bromley, after a bravely fought ilhees. Funcal Service will be held on Wednesday 15th October at Eithem Crematerium at 11.15 am Dunations to Dunoran Home for Multiple Scienosis c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, 231 High Street, Romley, vel (0181) 460-1720.

WHITCOMPE - Betty. Having bettled long and bravely died peacefully at Hunthegen House Hunsting Home Hischen don Tunsday 7th October 1997. Beloved wife of her late husband 'Eggs' and much loved mother of High and Sussi Jane, loving grandmother. Jane, loving gra sadly missed by all mily, relations and Godalming, Surrey at 2.30pm Wednesday October 1997. Donations, as an alternative of the control of the control

YOUNG - WM (Rill) CRE. on October 7th 1997 in Leicester. A dearly loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Former President of the Newsyaper Society and Director of Reuters. Funemi Service and cremation at Leicester Crematorium on Tuesday 14th October at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only please, Cancer Research (to whom cheques should be payable) to Gians and Gutteridge Funeral Directors of Leicester, tel: (0116) 2516117.

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#### JOHN MERRICKS



Merricks, left, and Ian Walker during the 470s class at the Brut British Olympic sailing trials at Weymouth, 1995

died in Punta Ala, Italy, following a car crash on October 8 aged 26. He was born in Leicester on February 16, 1971.

ohn Merricks, who was killed . while attending the Meiges 24 European Championships at Punta Ala, was one of the most talented racing yachismen of his generation. Although he ma-tured in sailing terms relatively late in his short life, he had already amassed a string of successes at the highest international level, helming both dinghies and keelboats. Among the peaks was a silver medal in the 470 class at the Olympic Games in Savannah, Georgia, last year, and victory in the Mumm 36 class in the Admai-

ral's Cup this summer. In partnership with Ian Walker, Merricks dominated the highly competitive 470 class throughout the run-up to the Olympics and was the hot favourite for a gold medal. After a difficult series the pair managed to grind out a well-earned

After that he and Walker made their first moves into keelboat racing, opening their account with a second place in both the Melges national championships and the class European championships at Barcelona last year.

Their performance in the Admiral's Cup was breathtaking. Ably assisted by an experienced keelboat crew, which included David Howlett as navigator, they defied their short time in a Mumm and ran away with the honours, beating some very high quality opposition and finishing with a resounding win in the Fastnet Race. The Merricks and Walker crew emerged as the top British boat and the second most successful boat in the entire regatta.

Merricks was an instinctive,. seat-of-the-pants racer who knew how to make a boat go fast, especially downwind when his reading of wind and wave patterns was second to none. Under pressure he was unflappable and perform consistently even in the most adverse conditions. He was a hard worker and knew his stuff work as a sailmaker with North

It was the partnership with Walker, however, that brought out the best in both of them. Two quite different personalities - Metricks uncomplicated and irrepressible, Walker intellectual and intense the combination was nautical dynamite. They focused intensely on their chosen goals and, on the water, blended their talents most effectively, with Merricks steering and Walker controlling tactics.

The two were great ambassadors for the sport, earning the nickname The Marnans as a result of their Olympic campaign sponsorship by Mars, and later dubbed the "cheeky chappies" of British salling by Yachting World magazine. This was a reflection of their engagingly light-hearted approach on the dock, with a lot of larking around which sometimes fooled opponents into thinking they were not taking

things seriously.

Merricks was happier in this rele than Walker, and enjoyed the camaraderie and fun side of the sport. He was also an excellent communicator who had no fear of publicity, and he had the selfconfidence to handle media pressure at big regattas. In a sport with a tendency to produce prima donna skippers. Merricks was a genuinely modest and gracious individual from a humble background who was both popular and admired.

John Merricks was born in Leicester and began sailing at the age of 12 with his father in a Mirror dingly on Rufland Water. He progressed quickly with the encour-agement of Rutland Sailing Club which awarded him a 420 dingly, Rutland Challenge, in which he campaigned with Rob Wilson to achieve victory in successive nat-

ional youth championships. By this time he had become a member of the Royal Yachting Association youth squad where he came under the guiding hand of the

demonstrated an uncanny ability to national coach. Jim Saltonstall Merricks, who had trained as an electrician, went on to win the 420 world championships wiffi lan technically, benefiting from his Lovering in 1994. By then, however, he had begun his partnership with Walker, himself an established helmsman who had already won the International 14 world

championships.

After a few months warming up.
the partnership began a long
winning streak. In 1994, they were TYRU world champions and won at Olympic regatias at Miami, Spa and Kiel in 1995 they were Euro-pean champions in the class, won the British Olympic trials and were again winners at Miami, Spa and Hyères. Last year they won Hyères with a race to spare and were second in the 470 world championships. They would have taken the calculation in their overall score going into the last race. A silver medal at the Olympics followed and then success in Melges and the

Admiral's Cup.
To say that Merricks was a rising star would be wrong. He had already made it at the age of just 26. In the coming months he was due to steer Graham Walker's Corel 45, Corum Indulgence, at the class world championships in Fort Lauderdale and he had been offered a place on two legs of the current Whitbread Round the World Race aboard the American yacht Chessie Racing. He was drawn by the challenge of big boat racing, but despite this had decided to have another go with Walker at a gold medal in 470s at the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

Merricks had a very bright future ahead of him and might well have played a key role in the forthcoming America's Cup should a British challenge materialise. Recently Lawrie Smith, the director of sailing for the Spirit of Britain campaign, named Merricks as typical of the new talent in British

sailing he wished to see taking part in the Cup. Merricks lived at Titchfield in Hampshire with his longstanding girlfriend. Camilla Mynors.

#### THE VEN EDWARD HENDERSON

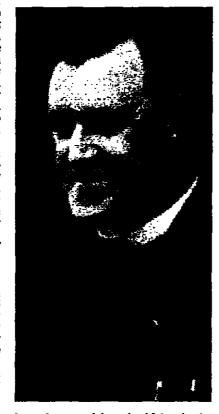
The Ven Edward Henderson Archdeacon of Pontefract, 1968-81, died on September 24 aged 80. He was born on October 15, 1916.

AN old-fashioned Evangelical, Edward ("Ted") Henderson had no easy path to ordination. A Geordie by birth, he first fell under influence of the local Church Army captain in the parish in which he was brought up. As head boy of Heaton Grammar School in Newcastle, he was encouraged to go the Low Church London College of Divinity — later presided over by Donald Coggan — to read theology. He acquired there both an associateship of the college (ALCD) and a London University BD.

He never, however, liked London much and he returned with some relief to Tyneside, where he served his only curacy at St Luke's. Newcastle upon Tyne. Between 1942 and 1945 he nailed his church party colours once more to the mast by acting as the organising secretary in the North East for the Church Pastoral Aid Society. This involved a good deal of fundraising and deputation work -- all intended to strengthen the Evangelical wing within the Church. The offer of his first benefice took him

south to Leeds in Yorkshire, where in 1945 he became vicar of St Mary's, New Wortley. This was a tough inner-city parish which included the grim Armley prison within its boundaries; it was also witness to the boyhood of Alan Bennett, but there was not to be much future sign that Henderson's ministry had had any impact on him.

In 1951 he moved to All Souls', Halifax, another tough urban charge. His service in three separate dioceses since ordination suggested that he was already becoming a man to watch — and his next Wakefield) to the parish church of Dewsbury confirmed that impression. (Labour's industrial fortresses were often used at the time as a testing ground for fortyish clerics who seemed to



have the potential to rise higher in the Church.)

Henderson arrived in Dewsbury in 1959, when he was still 42, and he was to

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spend the most creative nine years of his ministry there, becoming rural dean in 1961 and an honorary canon of Wakefield Cathedral four years later, His work greatly impressed his bishop, Eric Treacy. and in 1968 he was appointed Archdeacon of Pontefract, a post that Treacy himself had held on his upward route to

becoming bishop of the diocese. Henderson always saw himself first and foremost as a pastoral priest, and it was characteristic of him that when appointed to his archdeaconry he should have insisted on carrying on with parishwork — if in the slightly less exact environment of the country benefice of

Darrington with Wentbridge Eventually the pressure of his diocesan responsibilities forced him to give up his parochial work, and for his last six years in office — now under a new bishop. Colin James - his duties were confined to being Archdeacon of Pontefract. He had served briefly - while vicar of Dewsbury - as a Proctor in Convocation for the diocese of Wakefield in 1963 and 1964.

An active Rotarian, Henderson took a great interest in health administration. He served on a community health council and on a hospital board, as well as being a director of a private hospice. He was also an accomplished pianist, and encouraged church music in the various spheres in which he was involved - in his parochial days regularly taking his choirboys to an annual camp at Bridlington, Cullercoats or Scarborough. In retirement he assisted in the parish of Great Snaith on Humberide, and as recently as last winter he could be found playing the piano there for the village oantomime.

He married his teenage sweetheart, Vera Pattison, in 1942 and is survived by her, and by their two sons and three daughters.

#### SIR CHARLES RUSSELL, Bt

Sir Charles Russell. Bt, solicitor, died on Sentember 26 aged 79. He was born on March 13, 1918.

THE 3rd Baronet, Sir Charles Russell was a well-known London solicitor, and was for more than a decade the senior partner of the firm then known as Charles Russell & Co in Lincoln's Inn. To his family he was known as harles, but to his collea in the law he was Tim - to distinguish him from his cousin, also Charles, later Lord Russell of Killowen, the third successive law lord in the

Contrary to popular belief. Charles was not the founder but the grandson of the founder of the firm, another Charles Russell, a well-known society solicitor in the first two decades of this century. This grandfather was himself the son of the great Lord Chief Justice, the original Charles, counsel for Parnell and in many other causes célébres of the 19th century. A baronetcy was conferred on the first solicitor Russell by a grateful monarch for successfully hushing up a scandal in-volving Daisy Countess of Warwick and the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII.

Charles Ian Russell was the son of Sir Alec Russell and was educated at Beaumont and briefly (but apparently not ingloriously) at University College, Oxford, before join-ing the family firm as an articled cierk.

At the beginning of the Second World War, Russell was commissioned into the Royal Horse Artillery and served in North Africa, including at El Alamein, where he was mentioned in dispatches. Soon after D-Day he was in Normandy, by then as a captain in the 4th RHA, and was wounded and invalided hame. The wound left him with a limp for the rest of his.

Russell rejoined Charles Russell & Coin 1946 and was admitted a solicitor in 1947, the year he married Rose mary, daughter of Sir John Prestige of Bishopsbourne, near Canterbury.

In his professional career, Russell specialised in family

law, especially matrimonial, but he was also solicitor to such bodies as the Jockey Chib and the Dorneywood Trust, o which he remained until very recently a trustee. (The Dorneywood Trust is the endowment fund for a house used as a residence by a senior minister of the Crown, nominated by the Prime Minister as he or she may decide from time to

time.) The style of practice as a solicitor in the 1950s and 1960s was perhaps less hectic than it was to he in the Thatcher. boom years, or even in the 1990s; there were certainly crises and emergencies, but the working hours were on the whole shorter than now, Members of the staff of a firm of solicitors were more likely to have been managing clerks than assistant solicitors, and there was, fortunately, a succession of capable and devoted managers, some of whom served for more than 40 years – and in one remarkable instance for more than 60

As a divorce lawyer, Russell was tactful and discreet, liked by his clients and a good negotiator. He regularly found himself dealing with the same professional opponents, who would treat each other with well-earned respect, and there was a strong rapport among members of the Barand thus, later, of the Bench.

In his day the firm was known, paradoxically, both for its divorce cases and for its Roman Catholic connections: but Sir Charles helped to lay



the foundation for later growth and diversification of the work. He was glad to have been able to move the firm's premises to Lincoln's Irin in-1968 (where it stayed initial

In his spare time Russell played golf, although not to a particularly high standard. He did, however, become captain of Royal St George's, Sandwich, in 1981-82, and threw himself into the organisation of the first Open Champ-ionship to be held there for many years.

He was also a popular member of the Garrick Club, where he served on the house committee and as the club's solicitor, becoming a life member in 1991. The Garrick

was the place he would take aspirant partners of the firm. to be treated generously to gin. and to be warned that a parmership was something of the greatest consequence, "even; more binding than Ξ

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matrimony... Russell had a keen sense of humour and was well aware of the numerous stories about him, which he secretly enjoyed. There was the occasional explosion, but he was a humble man, a devout Catholic and a devoted family man. He was greatly upset by the death of his wife, Rosemary, in 1996. He is survived by his daughter Clare, Mrs Richard Shepherd, and by his son Charles, who succeeds to the baronetcy.

CAMBRAI IN RUINS.

**ENEMY'S SAVAGE REVENGE.** 

(From Our Special Corresp War Correspondents Head-quarters, Oct. 9.
The success of our attack yesterday was as complete as could be imagined or desired, and to-day we are garnering the fruits. The prisoners altogether will be not less than 10,000. Cambrai has been ours since daylight.

and on all the front of the attack the Germans. have fallen back across the first stages of what we can only assume to be a retirement to the Le Cateau line. By noon to-day some of our troops, pressing on the enemy's heels, had already reached the village of Bertry, some nine miles east of the line from which they attacked by Lesdain yesterday morning. Bertry is four miles from Le Cateau. Just

east of Bertry, and thence north-westward to Cambrai, runs the railway line along which at some places the Germans seem disposed to make a stand. At other places he has been. blowing up the railway and burning stores at various depots on the line. At one place south of Bertry, towards Busigny, we are reported to have crossed the railway. Whether, therefore, he makes, or hopes to make, a temporary stand on that line, it certainly cannot hold. There appears to be no likely resting palce this

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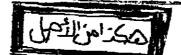
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This defeat of the Germans, who had 23 divisions in action, was one of the great pitched battles of the war. It was at Cambrai, in November 1917, that tanks were used for the first time

side of Le Cateau, and at Le Cateau, it is needless to say, we shall not only have left the battlefields of 1917 behind us, but we shall have reached the fields, with all their glorious memories, of 1914. That the Germans had planned, under our pressure of these last few eks, to fall back here makes little difference weeks, to an oack nere makes muc omerence. It is probable that if we had not struck yesterday, they would soon have been slipping away. But we did strike caught 10,000 of the enemy's men, killed many more, and drove him back before his preparations. were complete. At many villages fires are butning to-day, and he is doing what destructive work he can; but in the country

which we have this morning overrun, he has which we have this morning overrun, he has had no time to destroy, and hamlets have fallen into our hands intact, and we have released many hundreds, and probably some thousands, of French civilians. Five hundred have been rescued from the village of Sérain, three miles east of Villers-Outreaux, alone, Large numbers have been found at Selvigny and Caullery, farther north, and it is believed that still larger numbers will have received that still larger numbers will have received deliverance by to night from places farther east. As for Cambrai, it is already a place of pilgrimage, and all sorts of minor soutening from the rown, such as food tickers issued by the International Relief Commission, are passing from hand to hand far behand our lines. It was still dark this morning when, soon after 4 o'clock. Canadians energed the town from the north, while English troops worked in from the spothers side. No civilians were left in the place, as we knew would be the case, but German soldiers were found hiding and making no attempt to fight. We have never shelled Cambrai, except very slightly, and, though thoroughly locase by the flying-Germans, the new is not badly wrecked, and far from being distinguished. for from being destroyed. The Cuithedral has been knocked about, but is not structurally injured. Other churches stand with no injury beyond the breakage of glass.





#### Hague seeks the party that cares

■ William Hague will today unveil his vision of a new "popular Conservatism" by setting out to reinvent the Tories as the party of compassion and tolerance.

In a daring attempt to transform its image, Mr Hague is insisting that he wants to lead a party that cares for the poor, disadvantaged and oppressed, and is more liberal in its attitude both to people who bring up families outside marriage and to the sexual misdemeanours of politicians .... Pages 1, 10, 11

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Ina Marshall was opening copious cards celebrating her 98th birthday helped by her husband John, also 98, at their nome in East Kilbride, Lanarkshire, But in the mail was a telegram from Buckingham Palace congratulating her on her century. After 80 years, the game was up - she had to admit that she was older than her "toyboy" husband ...... Page 1



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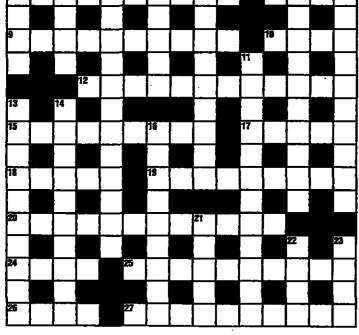
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Most Tory spokesmen do not seem to appreciate the disinction between thought and policymaking. It is possible to speculate without making election pledges .... Page 10

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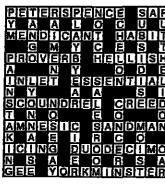
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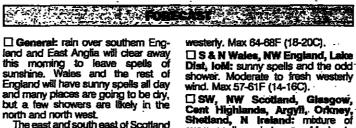


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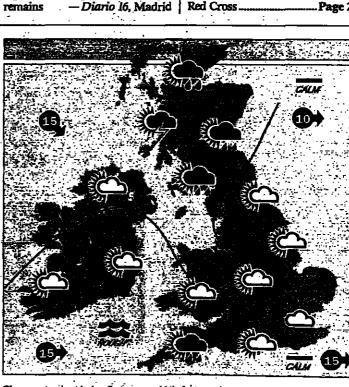
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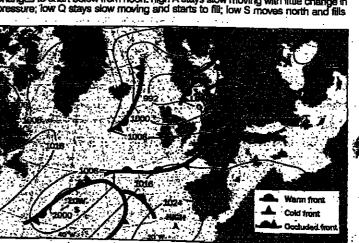
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# German rate rise upsets markets

**ECONOMICS** CORRESPONDENT

THE Bundesbank yesterday created chaos in financial markets after its unexpected Denmark also moved quickly rate prompted rate rises

across Europe.

Bond and share prices plummeted in the European mar-kets while the mark made substantial gains against the

dollar and sterling.
The Bundesbank raised its key repo from 3 per cent to 3.3 per cent — the first increase for

The Bank of France immediately increased its key intervention rate from 3.1 to 3.3 per cent, while Belgium, The Netherlands, Austria and

to adjust their rates higher. The rises completely over shadowed the Bank of England's decision to leave UK rates unchanged - made just minutes before the Bundesbank decision.

Both the Bundesbank and the Bank of France admitted in statements that the increases had been partly motivated by EMU. Alfons firmed there had been agree-ment in advance on the need for rate increases which was intended to push European rates from "historically low to more normal" levels.

Economists predicted that German interest rates are set to rise as high as 4.5 per cent to ensure interest rate convergence across Europe. But European countries with high interest rates, which include Spain. Portugal and Ireland. made no moves to cut rates vesterday and economists said

gence target.

Marian Bell, Treasury exon-

omist at the Royal Bank of Scotland, said: "There is little domesic justification for the hikes. By effectively bringing in fixed exchange rates months ahead of a single currency, the EU risks setting up a target for speculators

which it might live to regret." European bond markets were especially hard hit. Liffe volume leapt to 1.9 million compared with an average of

culty in meeting the conver- 1.6 million in 1994. The December ten-year Bund future fell 0.8 points to 102.49, while the French ten-year notionnel fell 0.96 to 99.12. UK gilts also suffered with the December long gilt closing down <sup>20</sup>/<sub>32</sub> at 118<sup>31</sup>/<sub>32</sub>.

Graham McDevitt, of

Banque Paribas, said: "Nobody was expecting a 30 basispoint rise and very few people thought any increase would come this soon.

European stock markets already weakened by worries over US interest rates, follow-

Increases across Europe but Britain stays unmoved were worst hit although banks and insurance companies, large holders of gilts, also fell. The pound lost ground ing Alan Greenspan's bearish comments on Wednesday. also suffered. In Paris the down nearly two pfennigs at DM2.8290. The mark also CAC-40 fell 63.43 points to 2,960.65 and the Frankfurt Dax slipped 61.39 points to gained over a piennig against the dollar to DML7318 but 4,181.62. But the Milan market

> nearly 3 per cent in trading. French franc The mark's biggest gains came against the lira which fell from 982.62 to 985.13 after In London, the stock market endured an especially volatile day's trading, recovering from the resignation of Romano early falls, after the monetary policy committee decision. Prodi, the Italian Prime only for the European rate

was little moved against the

#### House of Fraser on road to recovery

By Sarah Cunningham

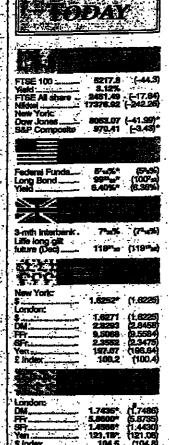
HOUSE OF FRASER, the department store group, pro-vided evidence that it is well on the road to recovery as it cut its first-half pre-tax loss from El3.6 million to El.8 million. Brian McGowan, chairman

said that all the milestones set last year have been met. The launch of the group's own-label clothing. Lines, has gone well and should help to boost-sec ond-half sales. Like for like sales are currently running 5 per cent ahead, compared with 3.8 per cent in the first half. John Coleman, chief execu-

tive, said that no further progress has been made in and Eastbourne stores. If no buyers are found, the stores wali he shirt ·

The company is still imloading poor stock, which is continuing to depress margins. We need margin improvement rather than sales growth," said Mr McGowan. The margin could be a lot better, but we have made a good start."

The company has carried £32.5 million of last years million exceptional charges forward to cover stock overhang and restructuring and disposals of stores. It will pay a maintained interim dividend of 1.7p on December 1.



#### WH Smith to explain rejection RICHARD HANDOVER, the

institutional investors next week to offer his justification rejection of Tim Waterstone's El billion takeover proposal (Sarah Cunningliam writes) Mr. Waterstone and SBC Warburg, the bank backing his move, yesterday began redraiting the terms. WH Smith Shareholders have told him they are unhappy with the idea of his new venture. store, being brought into the group and with the level of debt the deal would bring.

Mr. Waterstone hopes to meet WH Smith's board once the new proposal is ready, probably early next week.

# Commerzbank withdrawal for BZW sale

a setback

COMMERZBANK declared itself out of the running for BZW yesterday, dashing hopes of a swift sale, and increasing pressure on Martin Taylor, the Barclays chief

Fears about the success of the disposal programme grew French banking group, confirming it is interested in parts of the BZW operation. Barclays put the BZW equities and corporate finance arms up for sale a week ago, after conceding defeat in its efforts to build a global investment bank. The rest will be incorporated into the renamed

Barclays Capital Group. Commerzbank had been tipped as the favoured buyer. despite opposition from BZW staff, who questioned whether the cultures would fit. It emerged yesterday that BZW had held informal sale talks with Travelers Group, the US financial services operation. Travelers' decision to bid instead for Salomon, the Wall Street investment house, is thought to have helped precipitate the decision to sell BZW.

keen to expand equities operations in London, Frankfurt and New York, said it was not a contender. A spokesman said: "Commerzbank isn't interested in BZW or any part of it. It doesn't fit our revenue

lyst at UBS, reiterated his "sell" stance on Barclays, and gave warning of "a further 15 per cent downside" in the share price in the medium term. The shares closed 20p lower at £16.272p. Mr Aitken said that

Barclays could be forced to restructure operations, resulting in a total charge of £200 to £250 million. There were concerns that the sale proceeds could be relatively small. Staff at BZW have yet to

receive details of bonus payments, aimed at preventing defections in the run-up to a sale. Details of assets, employees and revenue streams at the so-called "BZW NewCo" are expected to be circulated to potential buyers in the next three weeks. Goldman Sachs is advising on the disposal.



Brighter picture: reduced pre-tax losses gave John Coleman, House of Fraser's chief executive, something to smile about

## Asterix plans £36m Paris float

ASTERIX THE GAUL is coming to his native stock market via a flotation that will raise around £36.6 million for Parc Asterix, the French theme park dedicated to the life and loves of the cartoon warrior. Parc Asterix, which for the past five years has been fighting the

can rival, is joining the Second Market in Paris in three weeks. Its expected market valuation is about Fr550 million (£57.6 million). The theme park, which has cost , £115 million to build and develop. suffered a body blow when EuroDisney opened. The annual number of visitors to Asterix plunged from 1.5 million to 1

advances of EuroDisney, its Ameri-

Situated about 21 miles outside Paris, it relies on the citizens of the capital for 45 per cent of its custom



Asterix all set to go native

and suffered badly when the American park opened with equal accessibility. Since then, the gate recepits have been growing at an average 14 per cent a year and the park is expected to welcome a record 1.9 million visitors by the end of this cent, the highest for any European theme park, and an average spend per visitor of £19.50. Last year this brought sales of £31.8 million and generated profits of £2 million.

The flotation will deliver a share windfall for its 175 staff, who will join a profit-sharing scheme. With the money from the placing, it intends to open two more attractions - the Forest of the Druids and La Halte des Chevaliers, another themed restaurant. Barclays Bank will be one of the main holders, with its stake in the theme park reduced

from 16 per cent to 5 per cent. Unlike EuroDisney, all its attractions are in the open air. The park refuses to open during the winter months. It also differs from its rival in that it spends little on advertising on the grounds that the worldwide success of its Asterix comics delivers enough publicity.

#### Votes for all City businesses

CORPORATION of London councillors have agreed to award the franchise to all businesses within the Square Mile, giving votes to the big City banks and other institutions for the first time (Martin Waller writes).

The decision was taken at a meeting yesterday of the Court of Common Council, the local government body that includes both aldermen and members of the Corpo-

The aldermen have agreed in future to stand for reelection and to abandon the right to veto the appointment of any new aldermen.

## Carlton plans Net link-up

MEDIA EDITOR

MICHAEL GREEN'S Carlton Communications is in talks with Web TV, the Microsoft subsidiary, about incorporating Internet technology in the launch of digital terrestrial television in the UK

next year. Carlton and the Granada group make up the British Digital Broadcasting partnership, which plans to launch at least 20 channels of digital television in the second half of next year.

BDB has been impressed by the Web TV technology, which allows the Internet to be dispalyed on ordinary television screens. Two Carlton executives are in California to explore the possibility of using Web TV technology in the digital "black box" planned for the UK. Web TV recently launched a \$300



Green: in talks with Web TV

without either a satellite dish or

cable connection, but need a

box in the US which can display the Internet on television scereens. It is designed to take the Internet to the majority who do not have PCs. The new digital terrestrial tele-vision channels can be received

digital decoder, or black box, expected to retail at £200 to £300, including subsidy. Unlike rivals for the commercial digital terrestrial frequencies BDB placed its main initial emphasis on entertainment. In recent months it has been exploring the possibility of

including more interactive services. such as home shopping and BDB has also been talking about interactivity in recent weeks with British Interactive Broadcasting, the consortium planning to use digital satellite broadcasting to launch interactive services. BIB is also planning to display Internet services on television screens.

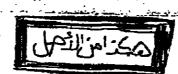
Next year the UK population will be able to chose from three will be able to chose from infeed different digital systems all offering many more television channels—digital satellite, digital cable and digital terrestrial.

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## Sainsbury pledge to take on 1,000 young jobless

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

J SAINSBURY, the supermarket chain, yesterday joined businesses supporting the Government's efforts to cut youth unemployment with the promise to recruit 1,000 young

people.

The move came as Andrew Smith, the Employment Minister, set out details of how the New Deal pro-gramme will work, including a mentoring system to give jobseekers their own role models. Mr Smith said that young people would be able to call on personal mentors, sought out from volunteers by the employment service, to help them through job and placement applications.

Taster periods of work experience will also be available for the unemployed without jeopardising benefits, and help will be provided for

J Sainsbury's pledge of 1,000 places

for young unemployed people came as the Confederation of British Industry and Co-operative Wholesale Society backed the New Deal John Adshead. Sainsbury's human resources director, said: "The company sees this as a way to give unemployed people the opportunity of a permanent job with good career prospects." The CBI said it was vital that the young unemployed should be given the skills and experience to bring

them back into the jobs market.

British Telecom also said yesterday that it would seek every opportunity to employ New Deal participents. More than 30 major companies

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have now endorsed the New Deal, which is part of the Welfare to Work initiative funded by the windfall tax. It was designed to find work for 250,000 young people. But with unemployment falling, the number of young people that are without work now stands at 150,000.

Mr Smith denied that the scheme

was becoming less relevant. He said that 15,000 young people passed the six-month threshold of being out of work each month and the Government needed to ensure that they were

not disconnected from work. The New Deal will start in 12 areas in January and be implemented nationwide by April The Government will aim to block abuses of the system through a confidential hotline and by quality control checks to monitor work and training places.

#### **CBI** finds slower high street sales

By Alasdair Murray ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

the wane. The monthly Confederation of British Industry distributive trades survey showed that 47 per cent of retailers questioned reported an increase in sales olumes, while 21 per cent said that they fell. This left a positive balance of 26 per cent reporting growth — well be-low last September's level of

46 per cent. retailers had been expecting, while the quarterly growth since January 1996.

The CBI said that some of the slowdown in September could be attributed to the closure of shops for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. Retailers' growth expectations remain high, suggesting that sales could pick up again in the run-up to Christmas.

Spending in sectors linked to the household, which had previously enjoyed windfallfuelled growth, slowed sharply. Furniture and carpets recorded only a marginal increase while the growth rate halved in hardware, china and DIY. But the household goods sector enjoyed further

strong growth. the pressure for a rate rise.

HIGH STREET sales growth moderated in September, pro-viding new evidence that windfall spending could be on

The sales growth rate was also considerably below what rate slipped to its lowest level

Alastair Eperon, chairman of the CBI's survey panel, said: "Growth remains quite strong and expectations for October indicate a quickening in the pace of expansion."

Simon Briscoe, director of research at Nikko Europe, said that the survey provided tentative evidence of a slow-

### Competition in water industry flounders

THE FIRST attempt to sell water competitively has hit a hitch after only a few hours of supply. Anglian Water's pioneering move to supply Buxted Chickens in Suffolk via a new 3.5 km pipeline was halted last week shortly after the supply to the factory had been turned on. The factory was switched back to Essex & Suffolk, its original regional water company, while Anglian engineers work

to reconnect the first competitive commercial customer.

A spokesman for Anglian said that the extent of the problem was being assessed. Early investigations indicate pressure difficulties, which Anglian said was common in new mains pipes. The first move for competition in water was endorsed by Ofwat in June. While there has been some enthusiasm for competition throughout the water network, it is difficult to achieve because of technological and second-like factors. Analism also has plans to treat several. geographical factors. Anglian also has plans to treat sewage at an old RAF site near Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

#### PIA fine for adviser

THE Personal Investment Authority has fined R H Asset Management, a financial adviser in Orpington, Kent, E10,000 and £1,000 costs after it failed to comply promptly with an award made against it by the PIA Ombudsman. In April the Ombudsman ordered the firm to pay £37,700 in compensation to an investor. Payment was not made until July. Meanwhile, the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation has reprimanded Johnson Fry Asset Managers for failing to register two individuals involved in securities transactions, even after the omission was noticed in August 1996. Imro ordered Johnson Fry to pay £1,250 costs.

#### **Bonds workers strike**

one-hour strike tomorrow in protest at plans to privatise the National Savings Agency. Members of the Public Services Tax and Commerce Union at the agency, which deals with Premium Bonds, savings certificates, children's and pension bonds have voted to take industrial action because they oppose staff being transferred out of the civil service. Up to 4,000 workers at the National Savings centres in Blackpool, Glasgow and Durham will walk out for an hour from I lam in action aimed at highlighting the campaign rather than disrupting the service.

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#### Scotch crackdown

THE Scottish whisky industry welcomed news that the Taiwan Government is to crack down on the import of counterfeit whisky., Brian Wilson, Industry Minister at the Scottish Office, said after a meeting in Taipei that he had been assured that legislation is to be passed "within a few months" aimed at eliminating counterfeit Scotch whisky, which is believed to account for about two thirds of all whisky sold in Taiwan. Mr Wilson also claimed that the Taiwanese had agreed a legal definition of whisky and he was satisfied that the legislation would go ahead:

#### BTP to sell Mydrin

BTP, the speciality chemicals group, has confirmed that it is to sell Mydrin, its industrial adhesives and textiles coatings business. Mydrin made an operating profit of £5.3 million on sales of £108 million in the year to March 31, but the company offers lower margins than the speciality and fine chemicals businesses on which BTP is now focusing. It was suggested yesterday that Mydrin, one of the European leaders in its markets, might be sold for up to £100 million. SBC Warburg Dillon Read is handling the sale.

#### **Allied London deal**

ALLIED LONDON PROPERTIES has completed, with Roxylight, the purchase of Artillery Mansions, a redundant apartment complex in Victoria Street, central London. Allied London said the 12-acre site has been granted planning permission for redevelopment as 187 apartments. The refurbished front block will provide 46 luxury flats, while consent has been given for new buildings at the rear containing 141 flats. The development is to be financed by a non-recourse phased loan arranged by Barclays specialist property finance team and Pall Mall corporate banking centre.

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## Valuations *'altered'* to inflate QMH profit' 1990 as part of Norfolk Capital

June 1991, it was devalued

But, according to Mr Bur-

ton, that was not the end of the

matter, as the directors then

decided to use yet another

valuation, this time the £3.8

million that the Sloane Club

had originally cost Norfolk Capital in 1988. "When it came

to the end of the year they

and accounts, choosing in-

The case continues.

stead to disguise them as

again to £9.5 million."

THE thorny issue of hotel valuations was put under the Hotels. As a result, Mr Burton spotlight in the High Court said, when the hotel was sold yesterday as four former direcon in 1991, the company should have booked a loss on tors of Queens Moat Houses were accused of manipulating valuations to inflate profits the transaction of £3 million. "In fact, it appears that the EI7 million was revalued to EI5 artificially The four men, including million, then, just before the interim report at the end of

John Bairstow, the former chairman, were all sacked in suspension of QMH shares. and are now suing the company for unfair dismissal.

In the run-up to the start of the trial this week. Mr Bairstow and his colleagues -Martin Marcus, David Hersey and Allan Porter - had tried to argue that a controversial E922 million property writedown instigated by current management was largely to blame for the financial mire in which QMH finds itself.

Michael Burton, QC, for QMH, continuing his opening remarks, cited valuations as one of the tools used by the former directors to cover up profit shortfalls. He estimated that up to £60 million of the E90 million pre-tax profit reported in 1991 had been "either non-existent and artificially created or, at the very least, should have separately disclosed" as exceptional items.

He cited the example of London's Sloane Club, which was valued at £17 million trading profits. when QMH acquired it in

Tetra proposes flotation on

needed some more profit to be main market found, and squeezing as much as they could out of a pint pot, TETRA HOLDINGS, the they had a rethink on the management software group, said yesterday that it planned Sloane Club transaction, and at the year-end, what should have been a loss of £3 million to float on the main market via a placing with institutional had become a profit of £10.2 investors (Chris Ayres writes). Mr Burton, who this week Tetra, whose customers inhas outlined how sale and clude the BBC, Dalgety, Glaxo leaseback deals and incentive Wellcome and Motorola, has sales of £22 million, and made management schemes were an operating profit of £2.8 also used to inflate profits, alleged that Mr Bairstow and million last year. HSBC Inthe other three men had failed vestment Bank is acting as in their duty to disclose such sponsor and stockbroker to the one-off profits in the report



BY PAUL DURMAN

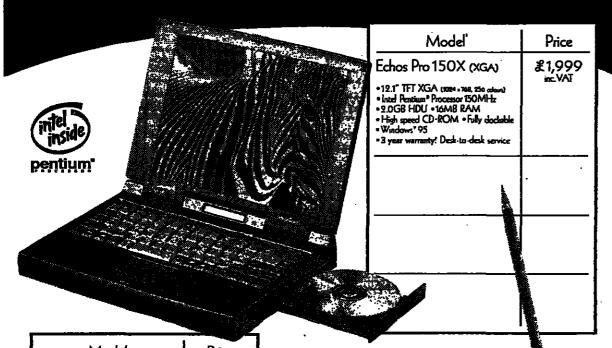
VANGUARD MEDICA, the drug development company, has secured a deal to license a Sankyo, Japan's largest pharmaceutical company.

Sankyo will have exclusive rights to sell VML 252 in Japan, the largest potential market after the US, and also proposed listing. Bob Critchlow, chief executive, in China, Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. Vanguard did not reveal the terms of the deal. said: "A listing will enhance our profile with customers and | The shares rose 22½p to within the industry generally." | 4472p.

Vanguard is likely to have received an upfront payment in the low single-figure millions. More importantly, it is believed to have agreed a royalty on future sales of about 15 per cent. The Japanese market could be worth up to £100 million a year. Because of the lengthy Japa-

nese regulatory process, VML 252 is unlikely to go on sale in Japan before 2003. Vanguard

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## Third North Sea find for Amoco

By OUR CITY STAFF

A NEW and "significant" North Sea oil discovery 160 miles off the east coast of Scotland has been made by Amoco Exploration Company and Amerada Hess, which claim it could provide a new hub for oil and gas fields.

Clive Fowler, managing director of Amoco (UK), said the oil was very light and of exceptionally high quality. He added that the flow rates from the well were very encourag-ing, with 6,329 barrels of oil and 13.4 million cubic feet of gas being produced per day. The new find is close to

several possible new developments and a special central area project team has been

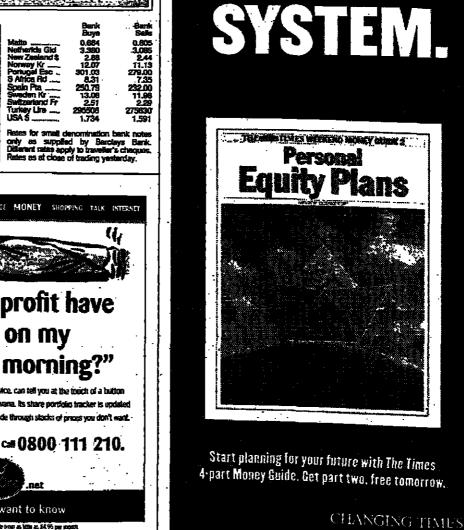
formed under the leadership of Richard Bozanich, formerly Amoco's southern area explo-

The find is close to several possible new developments. including the Amoco-operated Halley field. It is the third discovery to be made by the company and its co-venturers in the North Sea within the

"Our objective now will be to prepare a detailed development plan as quickly as pos-sible for government approval, said Mr Fowler. These discoveries confirm our belief that there are valuable North Sea oil and gas reserves still to be tapped."

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dollar suffer - over the next few

months from the Bundesbank's

the thought that the euro was

destined to be a soft currency that

anything but a hard euro, backed

by relatively high interest rates, to ensure something close to

price stability.

Britain is left in an interesting

position. In order to join the

single currency in the first wave, its interest rates would have to "converge" sharply downwards. If the Government had ever been

serious in this aim, yesterday, to

an extent, could be a source of

rejoicing. Convergence would happen more by German rates rising than British rates falling. This would mitigate fears of an inflationary boom on its eventual

But the fact is that it is

inconceivable, economically and

politically, for Britain to join in

entry to the euro.



The time to the

Water State

The clear message from Washington and Bonn is that interest rates are going up and that is not good news for the richly valued stock markets of New York and London. Mr Greenspan made it clear that, new economic para-digms notwithstanding, unemployment in America could not go on falling for ever without igniting inflation. He said so much last December, when he warned Wall Street of irrational exuberance, prompting sharp falls in share prices. This time his warning to asset markets was, if anything, more explicit but Wall Street dropped by a mere I per cent. It was clear, even before the stunning events in Europe, that Mr Greenspan was going to have to follow his verbal warning shot with a concrete move to

tighten money.

That prospect is even more likely, and is sure to come more quickly, because of the Bundesbank-led round of Euro-pean rate rises yesterday. Al-though the initial reaction in the

# Now the party is over



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aggressive bid to take back control of events in Europe. For months, markets and unemploy-ment-ridden European govern-ments have been comfortable in the first wave. Gordon Brown can therefore enjoy a decline in the pound against the mark from the sidelines and the Bank of would foster growth and jobs. The Bundesbank has changed that perception. Whatever the politicians want, it will not brook England will raise base rates next month. Just remember that the last time the Bundesbank raised rates led to sterling's exit from the exchange-rate mechanism and freedom to scramble to economic recovery. Let us hope the latest Bundesbank move serves to reemphasise the joys of an independent monetary policy.

#### Landmark decision for out-of-towners

s Environment Secretary. John Gummer was as rabidly opposed to out-oftown development as he was (vicariously) enthusiastic about hamburgers. All the indications have been that his successors might share his views, at least as far as development was condining, new Labour is rather more fond of polenta and Pont de la Tour than Big Macs and Burger King.
But yesterday brought a cheer-

ing prospect for developers who want to venture beyond the confines of existing town centres. The High Court ruled that Mr Gummer might have been a touch heavy-handed in vetoing plans for an out-of-town cinema complex in Hampshire. Now his successor, the deputy prime min-ister himself, will have to take a look at the proposals and come to his own conclusion.

Mr Prescott may care to take into account the fact that 300,000 people in the area have reg-istered their wish that the project should proceed, as has the local council. Does fun-loving Mr Prescott want to prevent all those voters enjoying an evening's entertainment with the benefit of easy parking?

The company battling for permission to build the cinema is Virgin, but we must resist the temptation to dismiss this as a mere publicity stunt: Richard Branson did not turn up in court disguised as a martyr. The judge was sufficiently convinced by Virgin's case to award the com-

pany its costs.

The battle could have signifiance reaching far beyond the cinema screen. Retailers, particularly supermarket operators, find it increasingly difficult to win planning permission for the scale of development that they know customers want. Often, as in the Virgin case, the local authority will back them only to find the Department of the Environment says no.

Elliott Bernerd's Chelsfield has turned its Merry Hill shopping centre into the new Dudley, to the extent that the local councillors enthusiastically gave their blessing to plans to extend the development substantially. After the inevitable protracted inquiry, the Government refused

permission, a decision with few obvious beneficiaries.Mr Prescott's eventual decision on the Virgin case could set the tone for a more sensible approach to planning. If Virgin excels in any direction, it is in understanding the customer, and customers want to see out-of-town development. For customers, politicians could read voters.

#### Spring cleaning Fraser-style

hen the spring clean extends to throwing in the kitchen sink, it can pro-duce a remarkable shine. House of Fraser's decision in April to provide £53.2 million to cover for past mistakes was a nasty shock at the time, but months on, the pain is nearly forgotten and the company basks in a new sheen. Yesterday the talk was of rising

sales and margins. It seems almost churlish to point out that there was a first-half loss of £1.8 million, although £14.6 million of those provisions were used, a chunk of that relating to stock disasters that had to be cleared. "Off-strategy stock," was the official description for the fashion disasters that had to be almost given away.

But Fraser may be finding its niche again, under the direction of John Coleman, chief executive, and the kitchen sink job has certainly brought him time. Fraser's success will depend on reestablishing itself as the first choice department store in its chosen, generally provincial, locations. In spite of the optimistic tone of the comments, some of its London stores still seem to

worryingly short on customers.
Coleman is trying to address the problems that have dogged the business in the past: the catalogue ranges from merchandise to systems, underlining the poorly state of the company when he arrived. But he has de-cided he cannot do it alone. Students of consultancy fees will grimace as they learn that a key information technology project, "essential to the group's future success" is now in the tender care of Andersen Consulting.

#### Sugar and Spice

PICKING winners is something the Government has said it is anxious to avoid but Character Group, the quoted toy company, is demonstrating the rewards of the strategy. Character, the company that put Buzz Lightyear on toy shop shelves, has won the privilege, and profits, of distribu-ting the official Spice Girls dolls. Sadly, the dolls will not be on sale in time for Christmas but would-be It Girls might prefer a

#### Adscene points the way to local press revival

BY RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

ADSCENE, the local news paper group, yesterday launched the first new paidfor weekly newspaper in Kent

for a generation.

More than 26,000 copies of the Canterbury Times went on sale yesterday at 25p to compete against the existing Kentish Gazette, part of the

Kent Messenger company.

David Fordham, managing director of Adscene's publishing division, said: "Our research shows there is room for an alternative."

There have not been competing paid-for local newspapers in Canterbury for more than 20 years, since the closure of the Kentish Observer and Canterbury Times. Paradoxically, the arrival of Adscene with its free papers in Canterbury may originally have made life difficult for paid-for titles there.

The Canterbury Times launch is further evidence of local and regional newspapers staging a comeback, partly because newsprint prices have fallen and classified advertising is currently high. The Newspaper Society, the regional press body, says that more than 50 per cent of local titles lifted circulation in the first half of this year.

# **Britton** braced for hostile US takeover bid

By Fraser Nelson

BRITTON, the plastics and packaging group whose market value has crumbled this year, was last night braced for a hostile takeover battle after rejecting a £167 million approach from a US rival.

The company, which owns the largest standalone cardboard box producer in the US. dismissed the prospect of a 120p a share offer from rival Caraustar Industries as "absurdly cheap." Robin Williams, Britton's chief executive, is understood to be seeking nearer 180p a share, which would value the recovering company at about £250 million - almost four times its July market value.

Caraustar, a £500 million packaging group listed in New York, was last night understood to be calling a board meeting to draw up terms for a formal hostile bid. Tom Brown, its president, said the company was not going to lift its valuation of £167

He said: "The price we have. mentioned would be a full and fair offer and we will certainly not chase this one any higher.

We just don't see Britton achieving the kind of earnings the analysts are forecasting. As an American company, we know the market is more competitive now than it has ever

Mr Williams, a former mer-chant banker who set up Britton five years ago, said company had been given less than 24 hours to respond to Caraustars' suggestion of 120p a share. He said: "It would be mad to sell out for this price at a time when we are turning the company around. If they are buying an American busican prices, which is substantially more then 120p a

Britton's main asset is UPC. which is the largest US cardboard carton market remaining independent of sawmills and pulp suppliers.

The company is the biggest buyer of carton-fodder in America, and has a 7 per cent share in the North American food box market. It had been suffering slowing of sales growth, but last month won a £20 million contract to make

boxes for Kellogg's Pop Tarts. Caraustar, by contrast, has less than 3 per cent of this market but has sawmills which it would like to link to UPC's factories. It has about 18 per cent of its other markets, which include cardboard tubes, laminated and facing

paper.
Britton's shares shot from 85p to 1172p yesterday. They have fallen from 168p to 51p in the past 12 months, after the company gave warning of its slowdown in the US and problems with UK exports which count for less than 15 per cent of sales. Analysts said the 120p was still cheap, coming as a 11.4 multiple to the expected 10.5p earnings per share Britton is expected to

make next year. One said that institutions, which own 80 per cent of the company's shares, were still fresh with the pain of watching the value of their investment plunge by 70 per cent over the past 12 months.

A statement from Caraustar is expected today.

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#### LucasVarity names new chairman

BY ADAM JONES

LUCASVARITY, the car parts and aerospace group, has appointed Ed Wallis, chairman of PowerGen, as its new non-executive chairman. Mr Wallis will succeed Sir Brian Pearse, 64, who is due to stand down at the annual meeting in May

Mr Wallis, 57, is already a non-executive director, having joined the board of Lucas Industries in 1995. He also chairs Lucas Varity's audit committee.

Mr Wallis takes up the position of deputy chair-man immediately in antici-pation of Sir Brian's retirement. He described Sir Brian as the "leading architect" of the merger between Lucas Industries and Varity last year.

## Reshuffle likely at **BNB** Resources

By Jon Ashworth

DAVID NORMAN is expected to announce today that he is stepping back from the day-today running of BNB Re-sources, the recruitment to training group. Graham Durgan, who runs

BNB's training arm, is tipped to take over from Mr Norman, who is likely to become nonexecutive chairman. Mr Norman is expected to

remain chairman of Norman Broadbent International (NBI), the group's headhunting arm, which has suffered widespread defections in the past two years.

BNB publishes its results for the half year to June 30 today. The management reshuffle comes at a difficult time for Mr Norman, who has been struggling to compensate for loss of revenues at NBI.

Former key NBI earners,

the NBI co-founder, and Julian Sainty, a financial services specialist, quit the firm in

However, they were obliged to hand more than 50 per cent of their earnings for the first 12 months, cushioning the impact of their departure.

These "lock-in" agreements expired earlier in the year. In a further blow, several NBI recruitment consultants have resigned, but are working out a one-year notice period.

NBI's operating income fell 33 per cent in the year to December 31 and is certain to have suffered a further steep decline. The figures may be buoyed by a contribution from Goodman Graham, an IT recruitment specialist.

Mr Norman declined to comment yesterday. Durgan has been on the BNB

#### **Profits of** marketing firms double

By RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

THE TOP 50 marketing services groups in the UK have almost doubled pre-tax profits to £332 million, the highest level since 1991, according to a new survey.

The annual Willott Kingston Smith survey, the accountants specialising in the sector, showed that spending by clients increased 7 per cent, compared with the previous year's growth of 10 per cent. But operating profit margins on gross income have improved from 9.1 per cent to 10.6 per cent.

Bob Willott, author of the seventh annual survey, says the overall impression is of a financially more stable and prosperous industry than for many years.

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# London gets a rough ride from Europe and the US

ANOTHER sharp opening fall on Wall Street, combined with a series of European interest rate rises, hammered share prices and government bonds on the London stock

Equities came under further pressure after another bad start, reflecting overnight losses in New York on the back of comments on Wednesday by Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Chairman.

The decision of the Bank of England to peg interest rates at 7 per cent brought a sigh of relief. But it proved short-lived, with the Bundesbank's move to raise rates catching traders on the hop. This was followed by similar moves from the French. Belgian, Dutch and Danish central banks, while the centre-left Italian Government collapsed after the Communists withdrew support.

Traders were still struggling to contain the situation when the Dow Jones industrial average weighed in with fresh losses.

At one stage, the FTSE 100 index plunged 96 points, matching a similar loss for the Dow Jones industrial during the first hour of trading in New York.

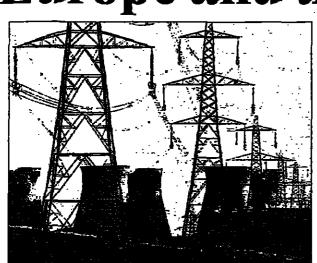
But the absence of any real sell-off in London enabled the index to more than halve its earlier deficit to end a volatile session 44.3 down at 5,217.8. Total turnover reached 823 million shares.

Lloyds TSB retreated \$120 to 78212p amid whispers that it was planning a rights issue at 700p. The speculators say it wants the extra cash to bid for Norwich Union, unchanged

But the speculators suffered a setback in Bardays Bank, with the shares falling 20p to £16.2712 after Commerzbank ruled itself out of the bidding for BZW. Barclays put BZW up for sale last week, but will be retaining the more lucrative parts. Some estimates claim the rump of the business is worth £500 million.

Short covering after Wednesday's steep fall lifted Bank of Scotland 15'2p to 516'2p, but rival Royal Bank of Scotland lost an early lead to finish 7'2p easier at 680p despite some positive comments from NatWest Securities the broker. ties, the broker.

Overnight weakness Hong Kong left HSBC nurs-



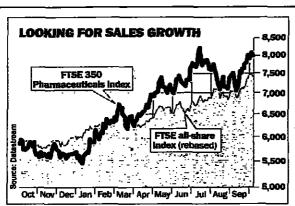
British Energy shares powered ahead, rising 21p

3812p to 93512p despite suggestions it may be close to finding a buyer for its investment

Michael Green's Carlton Communications finished 7p cheaper at 52812p while Granada, its digital broadcast partner, was 2p firmer at 88812p. Between them they have set up British Digital Broadcasting to develop 20 new channels. Whispers in the

Square Mile suggest Bill Gates's Microsoft has been knocking at their door.

The rise in German rates hit those companies with operations there. RMC Group was the worst affected, falling 51p to 947p along with insurers such as General Accident. 54p off at £10.6612, and Guardian Royal Exchange.



US DRUG companies continue to outperform their European counterparts as optimism about the outcome of third-quarter earnto Kevin Scotcher, of NatWest Secudrug companies are just 3 per cent above their relative 12-month low against the Americans, providing investors plenty of scope to pick up cheap stock.

Zeneca stood out with a

jump of 25p to £21.322. the Swedish drugs group

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sceptical: "Astra faces problems with the expiry of Losec, and any link-up with Zeneca is unlikely unless the group [Zeneca] can fore-see problems with its cost base beyond 2001. That seems unlikely with Zeneca

into Glaxo Wellcome.

sales. What looks like good sales growth today will not necessarily give good value in 12 months," he adds.

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Britton Group stood out with a leap of 32 ap at 117 ap after receiving a bid apprach from Carauster, the US group which was to negotiate an agreed 120p a share offer. Britton said it would reject any such offer at that level. Such a bid would put a price tag on the paper and packaging group of £167 million.

T&N firmed 5p to 25012.p with the speculators still pinning their hopes on Federal Mogul of the US raising its offer for the company. The

current offer is worth 235p. A profits warning took the shine off Elbief, with the price ending 6p down at 30p. The household products group says sales in the first half have

en below expectations. United Assurance was a weak market, falling 16p to 48112p after HSBC James Capel, the broker, continued to take an increasingly bearish view of prospects.

News of the link-up with Sankyo of Japan put fresh life into Vanguard Medica, 2212p

Colt Telecom added a fur-ther 33p to 586<sup>1</sup>2p as Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, reiterated its positive stance on the shares.

There has been a big buyer sniffing around in AIM-listed Freepages, unchanged at 3512p. Several large lines of stock went through on the ticker yesterday, including 250,000 at 3512p and a further 200,000 at 36p. Shares of FNR Holdings

were suspended at 2212p on ALM, pending clarification of company's financial

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## Rational exuberance

IF US stock markets are exuberant, London is in a playful mood. The gyrations of the last two days suggest a degree of nervousness, but whose nerves are on edge? Alan Greenspan's third warning sent London market-makers into initial rapid retreat, but the volume of stock traded yesterday - 800 million shares - was no more than a normal day's trading.

Mr Greenspan's concern is that market valuations have run ahead of realistic expectations. A quick glance at the US market provides some scope for concern with the Standard & Poor's industrials index showing a historic price earnings ratio of 25. Such a ratio might suit a market in early recovery but Mr Greenspan fears that a tight labour market will soon command higher wages; leading to higher costs and weaker productivity. Hardly a recipe for earnings growth. Is

this the outlook in Britain? Perhaps, but the concerns are not nearly as acute. Unemployment is almost a percentage point higher and investors are expecting slower earnings growth. The FTSE 100 is discounting some 19 years of earnings on a historic basis and about 16.5 years looking a year ahead. A small upward move in interest rates in November is expected but thereafter the bond market says that rates will fail; better news for earnings as is the prospect of a weaker pound. Still, it is worrying to see high P/Es in a mature share market and the current high real interest rates makes cash look inviting. That is unlikely to sway British institutions, which are already cash rich and worried about keeping pace with the FTSE. Unless you can predict the market downturn, there is little point in worrying about exuberance.

#### Britton

JUST as it seemed that our downtrodden paper and packaging industry would never find a friend, an American suitor is sidling up to the sector's ugly duckling. Britton Group.

As this column pointed out last Saturday, Britton was ridiculously cheap at 7812p. Caraustars offer of 120p, at il.7 times next year's earnings, looks a less unreasonable price but either this American or another should

be able to pay much more. Caraustars is after UPC. Britton's US hardboard carton business. It cares little for the nappy-lining business in the UK. Caraustars intends to integrate vertically UPC to its own sawmills. This would guarantee a flood of revenue while filling a hole in its packaging portfolio.
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crawl home watch UPC healthier market with comanies valued on multiples walked up the aisle by one of of 17 times. If Caraustars was its richer rivals, or eat its playing at home, its 120p offer would be laughed out higher offer. of town and this is a US. not

a British story. Caraustars insists it will not give chase. But the institutions do not appear keen to sell out leaving the American with three options:

So far, the share market remains cautious, with the

shares lingering at 117 ap but no one, probably not even Cantor, thinks Britton will be plucked off the shelf for less than 130p.



#### Celsis

CELSIS International must be the safest - and dullest share in the loosely defined biotechnology sector. The price has seemed to hover within a few pence of 100p since it was floated at that level some four years ago.

Through all that

rapidly, it is set to break into profit this year, and it should make serious money in 1998-9. It has also agreed a deal with Becton Dickinson, the large American healthcare company that is the leading supplier of culture plates to industrial microbiologists.

Even on the most conservative forecast, Celsis, at 98p, is priced at only 13 times next year's earnings and less than 10 times its own broker's profit estimate — not bad given the growth prospects. Celsis may finally be about to produce a result.

#### Chesterton

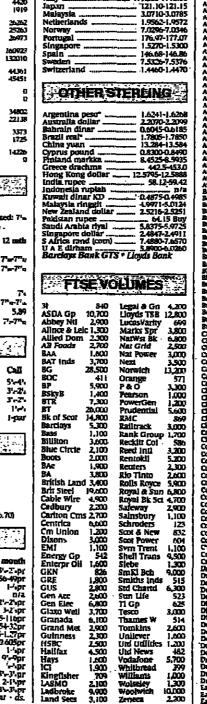
buildings it no longer re-quires. That liability, high overheads and generally poor accounting controls, will leave its investors nurs-ing a thumping great loss for the year. Michael Holmes, chief executive, is attempting to instil some discipline among the unruly wheelers and dealers that make up your average estate agent. There is no reason why

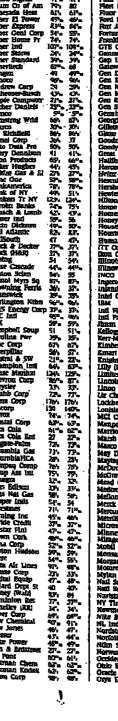
surveying should not be a profitable occupation and rival firms, such as Savilis, make a decent return but this industry suffers from the same ailment as the securities industry: an obsessive desire to raise fixed costs. Surveyors, like investment bankers, want to be cosseted with fine buildings and high salaries, which could only be justified if the level of business at the peak of the cycle remained constant If Holmes ning in a market that is looking good for the first time in half a decade. But this company is still in the operating theatre.

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# Pressure is still on Germany against monetary tightening

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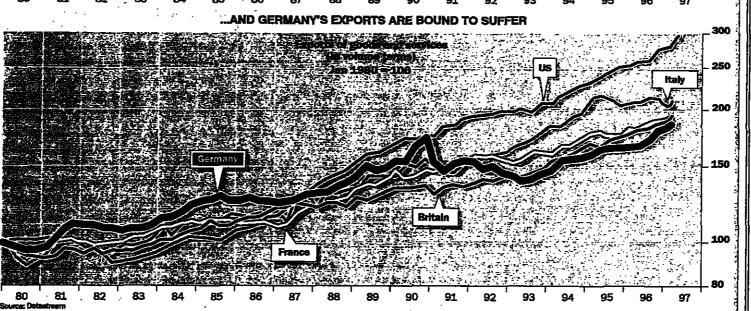
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he Bundesbank, is Europe's most powerful economic institution. Its decision to raise interest rates just three days after the announcement of a new post-war record in Germany's unemployment gives the clearest possible indication of what lies in store for the whole of Europe once the power over monetary policy is transferred from one end of Frankfurt to the other — from the suburban headquarters of the Bundesbank to the equally non-descript offices of its clone institution. the European Central Bank

With interest rates throughout Europe due to converge on a single figure by the time the arrangements for the single currency are finalised next May, many economists now assume that Germany and France will continue tightening their mone-tary policies. The final convergence figure pencilled in by most market commentators is around the "European average" level of 4.5 or even slightly higher. By acting yesterday the interests of EMU, the Bundesbank was recognising the

problems of Spain, Italy and Ireland. These countries' central banks feel unable to cut their interest rates to anywhere near the present German level, because their economies have been adapted over many decades to operating with much higher rates. Even though inflation seems dormant in all of these high-interest rate countries, their authorities feel unable to ease their rates to German and French levels for fear of creating house-price bubbles, consumption booms and "excessive" rates of job creation and economic growth. By responding to these countries' concerns the Bundesbank and continuing to push up German interest Bundesbank will provide a smooth transition to the full unification of European monetary policy next May.

There is, however, an alternative interpretation. German officials have been making it clear since the summer that some tightening of monetary policy was necessary - not because of EMU, but because of the inflationary pressures exerted in Germany by the falling mark. The mark declined by 20 per cent against the dollar between January and late July, having already fallen by 15 per cent in 1996. Something had to be done to prevent a loss of confidence in the German currency. The Bundesbank chose to support the mark through "verbal intervention". Instead of raising German interest rates or buying marks in the foreign exchanges, Bundesbank directors fed the markets with statements hinting that interest rates were about to be raised. This campaign proved remarkably successful at restoring confidence in the mark, but sooner or direr the Bundesbank's credibility was bound to be challenged if its words were followed by no action at all. Some increase in German interWILL GERMANY BECOME THE RUSTBELT OF EUROPE?



this autumn. In any case, the Bundesbank always maintained that interest rates of 3 per cent were unsustainably low even in a country with anti-inflationary credentials as strong as Germany's. The question was when to move and by how much.

faced two strong pressures against any dramatic monetary tightening and still does. The argument that EMU interest rates should be set simply by averaging the German and Italian levels has long been dismissed as ridiculous by German officials. The single currency, they point out, is not supposed to average out Europe's performance; it is supposed to ensure that everyone converges on the performance in the best country (which is unquestionably Germany, at least in the Bundesbank's view). The euro must be the closest possible replica of the mark, not a chimera halfway between the German and Italian currencies. This symbolic argument, enthusiastically supported by the French, militates against the market's view that the ultimate target for German interest rates is 4.5 per cent or even higher.

The second argument against substantially higher German rates — and against the idea that monetary policy will converge next year at some pan-European mid-point - is much more important and will have profound implications for the economic and political future of Europe. It can baldly be stated like this: Germany,

which used to be the strongest economy in Europe, is now the weakest. As a result of its deep-seated structural problems, Germany cannot hope to live with the relatively high interest rates that might be appropriate for more dynamic econo-

not to mention America or Britain. Dynamic economies, with competitive cost structures and high returns to investment, can grow rapidly with real pre-tax interest rates of 4 per cent or even higher. Indeed they may need such high interest rates to restrain wages and prevent asset inflation or other financial bubbles.

ut rigid and uncompetitive economies such as Germany need far lower rates to have any chance of pulling out of stagnation, maintaining investment levels and restoring more sensible cost structures. It may seem perverse to argue that Germany will need low interest rates for many years because its economy is structurally weaker than Italy or Spain. It may seem even more preposterous to suggest that the future monetary battles in the European Central Bank will be between Germans calling for lower rates and Spaniards, who demand that interest rates be raised.

But if such a suggestion brings reminds you of a scene from Alice in Wonderland, just consider the case of Japan. Japan, even more than Germany, was viewed a few years

ago as an unstoppable economic powerhouse. Yet, as discussed on this page two weeks ago, Japan has actually had the weakest economy in the world since 1990. Short-term interest rates in Japan are now 0.5 per cent, while ten-year bond yields and even then Japan is teetering on the edge of another recession. There are many differences be-

tween the German and Japanese situations, but the two economies have one critical factor in common. Both allowed their currencies to become extremely overvalued, by pursuing misguided monetary policies. They allowed their costs to rise far out of line with the costs in other major industrialised countries. Worse still, they allowed their currencies and domestic costs to remain uncompetitive for long periods, under the illusion that their industries could continue to sell in world markets on the basis of "quality not price". As a result their export and manufacturing industries suffered grievous damage. As the charts show, Germany's currency is hugely overvalued compared with the dollar, pound, lira and French franc - and Germany has had the weakest exports among these major countries.

The damage done to manufactur-ing and trade, in turn, locked both Japan and Germany into vicious circles of falling employment, rising public deficits and inadequate domestic demand.

In the last few months it is true that Germany's exports have been growing rapidly — far more rapidly than domestic demand. But this is just a "dead cat bounce" from the exceptionally depressed levels of the last few years. As I have argued repeatedly on unis da e, much of Germany's expor growth is simply a function of the hollowing out of the German economy. Germany companies are selling machinery to the overseas subsidiaries of other German companies setting up production bases in lower-cost locations. As long as Germany's labour costs remain some 40 per cent higher than they are in France. Italy, America and Britain, this process is bound to continue, since any productivity gains achieved by Germany companies are likely to be matched in the other countries.

There are, in principle, only two ways for Germany to escape from this trap of uncompetitive costs. Either it must devalue its currency or it must reduce the absolute levels of German wages. By locking into EMU at an uncompetitive exchange rate Germany has foreclosed the first option. And next year Germany may well foreclose the second option by electing a Social Democratic government, committed to raising wages and social costs. Under these circumstances anyone who believes that the Bundesbank will be a force for high interest rates and a strong currency in Europe should take a look at the Bank of Japan.

## Insider tells a bloody tale of life on Wall Street

Oliver August on a new book alleging clients are just prey for derivative traders

lestosterone makes Wall Street tick not money. That is the conclusion of a new kiss-and-tell book written by Frank Partnoy, a former employee of Morgan

He alleges that some traders at Morgan Star-ley, Wall Street's biggest investment bank, had put the bank's profits ahead of clients' interests.

In Fiasco — Blood in the water on Wall Street, Mr Partnoy unleashes a torrent of damning tales that has given the book instant notoriety and ter from Morgan Stanley

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Boston, where Mr Partney was also employed, "one senior mortgage trader paid a notably attractive sales assistant \$500 to eat, slowly and carefully, a large pickle covered with hand lotion. A throng of traders admired her as she performed the feat, accepted the cash, and then was sick violently all over the trading floor."

Such scenes echo the worst excesses of the brash 1980s Wall Street culture. aireagy described as the next Liar's Poker, the book that immortalised the arrogance, the machismo and

spending ways of bond traders in the Eighties. The title of the book is a refergame on ence to the Fixed In-Wall

al Sporting Clays Outings, FIAS-CO. On today **7** these drunken clay pigeon shoots, derivatives traders celebrated their cultue of violence. After a crackdown on sexual harassment, many traders are said to have swapped their porno-

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The culture of violence was reflected in the lan-guage used in Morgan Stanley offices. After some high-profile client losses, a belligerent John Mack. Morgan Stanley's president, told his traders: There is blood in the

water. Let's go kill." Michael Lewis, author of Liar's Poker, calls derivatives trading blood sport, with the unsuspecting consumer as the prey", and says: "FIAS-CO is a ringside seat on the nastiest and most important game being played on

Partnoy says he is anxious to expose mis-selling of derivatives on Wall Street. These complex finan-cial instruments are, he claims, often sold to ignorant clients with the

sole purpose of earning fees. Mr Part-noy says Morgan Stanley earned \$1 billion in fees from derivatives alone in 1993 to 1995.

His book describes the goings-on that led up to the famous derivatives fiascos, involving Barings, in the UK, and Orange County and Procter & Gamble in America.

Mr Partnoy also alleges that Morgan Stanley started selling Mexican derivatives in the days leading up to the 1994 Mexican economic collapse. Some clients were still under the should be buying the

The bank is understandably concerned. It has told its employ-ees: "The

book **6** A ringside clearly a combinaseat on tion of inacthe nastiest curacies and sensationalism. Our business is based on consistent Street and professional service to our clients and

customers. We do not engage in conduct that would violate the trust they place in us." Mr Partnoy left Morgan Stanley in 1995 and now teaches law in California. His knowledge of libel and defamation laws makes the book especially damning.

## Taste change

IT MUST be heartening when shares in your employer fall on news of your departure, but the slump for the National Westminster that was being put down yesterday morning to the loss of NatWest Markets' deputy head of global research looks bit overdone, as my col-Pague on the Tempus column would put it. I suppose the market is rather sensitive to bad news from any investment bank at the moment. Anyway, David Atkinson is off, entirely amicably, after 13 years as a food manufacturing analyst, the past eight at NatWest.

Arkinson was appointed



"I ordered a Spice Girl doll but it won't be ready until the new year"

the end of 1996, a manage-ment role he did not take to. He took on the global research post as deputy to Edmond Warner in July, promptly embarking on a sabbatical. "He wants to do something completely different, but he doesn't know what," says Warner. Atkinson admits to disen-

chantment with the job of running a research department but no temptation to go back to teenage scribbling "I've got to the point of deciding that there's more to life than that." His most likely option, when he makes up his mind, will be a corporate finance job in the City advising the food industry.

THE last word on those stories of shoe boxes and broom cupboards being sold as flats. for silly sums of money. (I rather liked the one near Harvey Nicks that the estate agent said "would suit shopaholic" - where would they put the stuff?). A two-bedroom executive flat is for sale on the fourth floor of a Grade II listed Mayfair town house. The rest of the building has been done up by the vendor as of-fices. Offers in excess of £4 million. The price is so high because you have to buy the whole building as well.



#### Figure it out

I WOULD hate anyone to lose any sleep, but I have two more concerns for those of you who are still worrying about the millennium bug, the feared shutdown of the world's computer systems in little more than two years. Try these. One, is the year 2000 a leap year? Not as simple as you might think, because years ending in two noughts contain a February 29 only if the year is also divisible by 400. I am indebted to JP Morgan for this information. You didn't know it either, did you? Nor, perhaps, does your computer. The year 2000 is a leap year, but computers may or may not include an extra day in their calculations. Alternatively. they may have the cybernetic equivalent of a nervous break-

down once the clocks strike midnight on February 28, 2000, having only just recovered from their attack of the wobblies two months previously.

Two, September 9, 1999, is another panic point, I am told, because this writes itself 9/9/99, and there is a tempta-tion for electronic brains to flip over into 10,000 the next day and disappear forever into the next eon. Time alone will tell.

NICHOLAS SOAMES has

been appointed a non-executive director of Network Technology. He was full of praise for his new employer yesterday — "remarkable company", "really excellent" — while admitting he knew precious little about their actual business, gizmos that allow one part of a computer network to talk to another. Fair enough. He is also the local MP, although only after his move from Crawley - where the Tories lost - to the safer Mid Sussex seat. There seems to be some mismatch, though. Network Technology. a tiddler that moved from the AIM to a full listing only two months ago, is described to me as "lean and mean". Which is more than can be said of the former Agriculture Secretary.

#### Tartan tussle

BLOOD spilt among the Scottish financial mafia. At Ivory &

vestment trust under fire from Colin McLean's Scottish Value Trust, Gavin Reed, the chairman, and fellow directors are to run the gauntlet at a special meeting brought by Scottish Value. Reed yesterday denied rumours that they were about to resign. McLean is unhappy that the lacklustre Enterprise has carried on investing in early-stage companies in spite of the rapid approach of its winding-up date. Ivory & Sime is bound lose the management contract for Enterprise if a new board is appointed. This will only increase pressure on Sir David Kinloch to find a buyer for the poor old firm, now another troubled offshoot of the Cayzer family's interests. What ever happened to the Cayzers' fabled skills?

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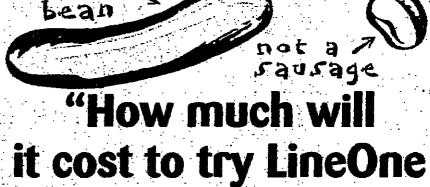


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## BAe awaits decision on bid for Siemens unit

By ADAM JONES

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The company issued a state-ment saying: We would have

liked to have acquired this business, but we were not

prepared to offer a price which

we could not justify to our shareholders." The failure raised anxieties of continuing

valuation differences in the unravelling of the GPT joint

There have been sugg

tions subsequently that GEC might still end up with Sie-

mens Plessey if Thomson-CSF

is successful. The French group could sell the business.

Siemens had previously

said that it hoped to make a

decision on the disposal by the

end of September, which

would coincide with its year

end. A spokesman remained

tight-lipped on any revised timetable yesterday.

BRITISH AEROSPACE could discover next week whether its joint bid for Siemens's defence electronics business has been

BAe, partnered by Dasa, the aerospace arm of Germany's Daimler-Benz, has been com-peting against Thomson-CSF of France for the Siemens business, which has an estimated value of £300-£350

Both bidders have been through due diligence. The final deadline for offers was understood to have passed yesterday and there was no indication that either bidder had decided to pull out at the

The BAe-Daimler bid involves the two companies breaking up the Siemens business, which had sales last year of DM1.6 billion (£563 million) and profits of roughly DM60 million. BAe would take the UK assets and Daimler would get those in Germany, where

2,000 staff are employed.
The British side of the business, which employs about 3,000, centres on Siemens Plessey, which BAe is keen to buy in order to expand its leading position in aviation systems to land and naval

Siemens Plessey has a valuable 30 per cent stake in the Archer consorrium, developer of the Bowman battlefield radio system, that could be worth £5 billion in orders. Its partners in Archer are Racal Electronics and ITT.

GEC was considered the early front-runner in the chase. for the Siemens arm, given the links it already had with the German company. GEC and Siemens are partners in the-GPT telecommunications business, with Siemens keen to take full ownership.

Many in the market had expected some kind of asset wap. However, it was announced last month that GEC had failed to make a shortlist of two, denting the share price and leaving a cloud over the



Lindsay Page, finance director, left, and Ray Kelvin, chief executive, of Ted Baker, have a strong first half to look back on

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## Ted Baker targets growth overseas

By Sarah Cunningham

TED BAKER, the fashion design and retail company is casting its eye overseas with plans to expand its wholesale business in the rest of Europe and America. First-half turnover in the US grew from £145,000 to £716,000 as the number of licensed outlets expanded from 40 to 110. Two new franchised retail outlets were opened last spring in Zurich and Amsterdam. The company, led by Ray Kelvin, founder and chief executive, and brought to the market in July, plans to open no more than two new stores in the UK and to limit the number of licensees in order to retain the brand's exclusivity. It is increasing the floorspace of its existing stores to make room for its women's wear collection, which now accounts for about one sixth of all sales. and for children's wear.

The £672,000 cost of floating the company meant pre-tax profits fell from £1.62 million to £1.48 million in the halfyear to August 9. Turnover was 49.7 per cent ahead at £8.58 million and operating profit before flotation costs was up by 29.3 per cent to £2.04 million. Same store retail sales were ahead

18.7 per cent in the first half. The growth rate has edged back to 12 per cent in the first few weeks of the second half. The wholesale business is motoring ahead, with sales up by 61.7 per cent to £2.67 million.

The company's shirts, its best-known product, still account for 50 per cent of sales but the proportion is reducing.

**BUSINESS ROUNDUP** 

#### National takes stake in Czech power firm

NATIONAL POWER, the country's largest electricity generator, is to pay £100 million for a 48 per cent stake in Elektrarny Opatovice, a power company in the Czech Republic with interests in seven major cogeneration and heating plants. The plants are supplied from lignite mined in the north west of the republic and are the subject of a number of environmental improvements including flue-gas desulphurisation equipment. The company said earnings from international projects "are set to increase substantially in the current financial year" from the £74

million reported in the previous year.

The plants National Power has bought have a total electrical generating capacity of 825 megawatts and 3,900 megawatts of heat, National Power said. The company said it has the ability to take a majority position in the company in the future. The deal will make National Power the largest shareholder in EOP, a cogeneration company listed on the Prague stock exchange. Its other shareholders include Czech municipalities, with 24 per cent, and other overseas interests with 18 per cent. National Power shares yesterday fell from 549½ p to 534½ p.

#### **British Dredging 30% up**

BRITISH DREDGING, the building materials group, raised pre-tax profits by 30 per cent to a little more than £1 million in the six months to June 30 on sales up 15 per cent to £21.8 million. Earnings rose 32 per cent to 3.91p and the half year dividend rises to 2.9p. up 11.5 per cent. Michael Brown. chairman, said the company remained in excellent condition: "Our plans for sustained growth, with new ventures created both organically and through acquisition, are progressing steadily." The shares rose 12p to 1472p.

#### Profits build at Kier

KIER GROUP, the construction company formerly owned by Hanson, saw profits rise 17 per cent in its first full-year results since listing. In the year to June 30, the group, floated last December, reported pre-tax profits of £8.6 million. Earnings rose to 18.7p (16.1p). A final dividend of 4.6p per share (1.6p) will be paid on December 16. Turnover rose 10.2 per cent to £677 million. Colin Busby, chairman, said the UK construction cycle is "progressively improving for the first time in more than five years".

#### **BWI** cuts dividend

THE final dividend at BWI, the packaging and process machinery group, has been cut after EL5 million of exceptional restructuring costs hit profits. Pre-tax profits for the year to July 31 were £7 million, down from £8.3 million. The exceptional charge included £1 million for measures to be taken this year. Earnings fell to 7.7p a share from 12.4p. A final dividend of 2p, cut from 4.3p, is due on January 5, making a total of 5p (7.3p) for the year. The group said order intake had strengthened in the past two to three months.

#### United Industries ahead

UNITED INDUSTRIES, the engineering group, raised pretax profits by 19 per cent to £1.42 million in the six months to June 30 on sales up by 3 per cent to £19.6 million. Earnings rose to 2.71p, up by 19 per cent, out of which the half-year dividend is raised by 13 per cent to 0.85p a share. Kenneth Coates, chairman, said the group had reduced costs and concentrated on organic growth to offset sterling's strength: "Group management will continue to drive these improvements and is firmly committed to making suitable acquisitions."

## IMF to counter Indonesia crisis

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE International Monetary Fund will assemble a reform package "within a matter of weeks" aimed at restoring confidence in Indonesia and the rupiah, Dennis de Tray, the World Bank's Jakarta director, has said.

Mr de Tray said: "This is not a financial crisis . . . this is a crisis in confidence. That is about the only explanation we can give for what is happening

to this currency."
Mr de Tray said that a team of experts will arrive in Indonesia by Monday. He said that the team's main objective would be to restore confidence in Indonesia's currency rather than to provide financial backup, which was not a crucial

requirement for the country at this time. He added: "Financing will be part of the process of restoring confidence, and the amount, while not driven by the actual financing needs of

the Government ... will be driven by a need to put together a highly credible package that takes away any remaining concerns in the financial community about the ability of Indonesia to meet its short-term and mediumterm foreign debt obligations." The IMF has already helped to form measures to get the Thai

economy back on its feet. The

That baht's plunge sparked the

present Far East currency crisis.

dragging down the rupiah.

However, there is one small snag - they will not be in the shops until after Christmas.

If the Spice Girls' pop

## Spice Girl dolls join the **Character Group band**

By Fraser Nelson

take eight months."

enough to allow some deliver-

PLASTIC Spice Girls are on be left holding every doll that the way, courtesy of Character Group, the toy company, which yesterday announced a £10 million deal to distribute official dolls of the girl band.

The company, until last month known as Toy Options. has been granted an exclusive licence to provide the dolls to stores throughout the UK and the Irish Republic until the end of next year.

success continues, the deal could bring in up to £14 million in sales next year alone. If the group splits up, or falls from grace, the company will

quantity. The dolls will cost it cannot sell. about £19 each, or around £95 Richard King, chairman, for a complete set. They will be said that no doll can be mass sold with their clothes already produced in less than 12 attached - which will leave weeks. He said: "We are doing owners unable to dress them the best we can. We will be up like Barbie and Cindy flying them in from China, not shipping them in, and it's still

Mr King said: "I don't think the Spice Girls would have lian amazing feat to get them out this year at all. Under normal circumstances, this censed us to sell naked dolls of them. We have decided to stay out of the clothing market." sort of thing would normally The company does not ex-The first batch of Spice Girl pect to meet market demand dolls may be flown in early

until 1999, and said it has still been unable to meet demand for Buzz Lightyear, the Toy ies in time for the new year. Story cartoon character. The company expects to import 500,000 models by The shares, which joined the March, with dolls of each Spice Girl produced in equal

market at 65p two years ago, rose 21p to a high of 1472p.

## Virgin wins review over cinema



Gummer: refused

By Chris Ayres

VIRGIN CINEMAS, part of refused planning permission for the ten-screen, £8 million Virgin Entertainment Group. multiplex cinema outside Eastleigh, Hampshire. If the court had ruled in favour of proposal for an out-of-town ampton. The High Court rul-Mr Gummer, the future of many similar projects could about £20,000 in costs, will be have been jeopardised. Many residents

ed a petition containing 300,000 signatures to their MP. But in spite of local council support, Hampshire County Council opposed the project and launched an in-

John Prescott, Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, will now examine the planning inspectors' report and decide whether to launch a new public inquiry into the project or take written statements from interested parties before making a decision.

#### seen as a victory for out-oftown property developers. Eastleigh are in favour of the The court's ruling means a development and have handreview of the decision of John

yesterday won a review of its

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ing, which awarded Virgin

Gummer, who as Secretary of State for the Environment.

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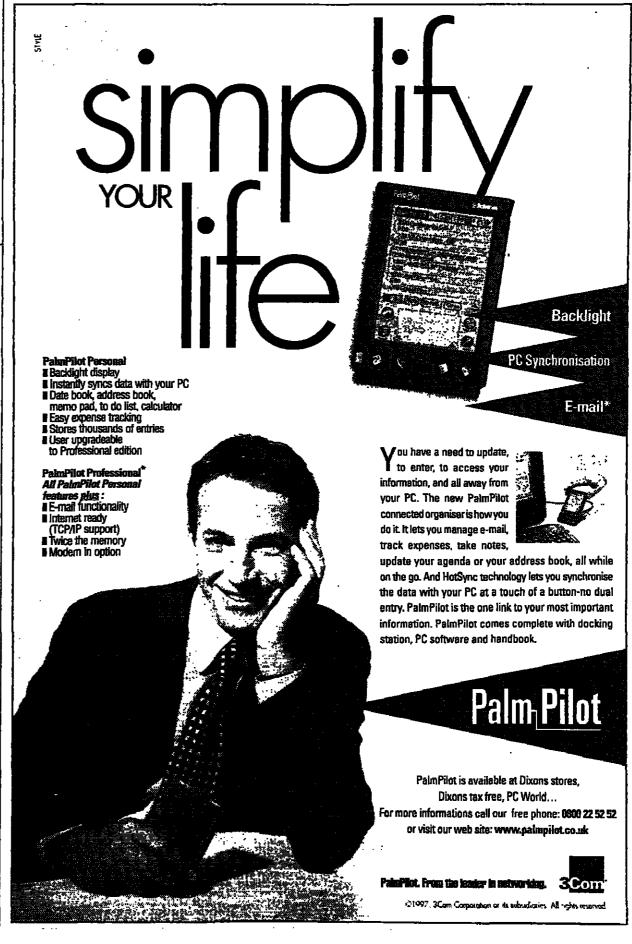
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Denis Taylor reports from Taiwan, a leading investor in Britain and a hotbed of enterprise, despite being under the shadow of Beijing

# Powerhouse of the Pacific Rim

aiwan is the perfect place for a futurologist. There is a doomsday script in which the Asian "tiger" is overwhelmed, and another in which it bounds prosperously ahead. Mainland China plays a critical role in

Cut off politically and diplomatically from most of the international community for two decades, the 21 million Chinese people on Taiwan

— an island only slightly bigger
than Belgium — have defied Beijing
and built up their island refuge to become one of the world's top 20

Yet Beijing has repeatedly sig-nalled that if Taiwan declares independence - or even makes moves towards doing so - it will be attacked. Mainland China enjoys an advantage of nearly 7-1 in the total number of its armed forces.

But Taiwan has been upgrading its naval and air forces, notably through acquiring American F16 and French Mirage 2000 fighters. The army is installing the latest

Despite China's enormous man-power advantage, question marks are raised in Taiwan about the Beijing Government's ability to mount a successful invasion. Dr Chong-Pin Lin, vice-chairman of the Mainland Affairs Council in Taipei, suggests that it could be 2010 before Beijing has the military technology

to allow it to attempt an invasion. But even then Chinese forces would not be able to cross the Taiwan Strait undetected by the Americans, and would risk a swift military reaction by Washington. In a muscle-flexing move. President Clinton sent two aircraft carriers to the Taiwan Strait last year after missiles were fired from the mainland into waters around the island.

This was immediately before the

thriving economy, right first direct leadership election in Chinese history, which returned President Lee Teng-hui to office.

Prime Minister Siew, before a

portrait of Sun Yat-sen, leads a

Washington's continuing seriousness about protecting Taiwan was underlined by the expansion of US-Japanese military co-operation announced last month. Taiwan was not mentioned by name in the new guidelines, but a senior official in Tokyo made clear that the Taiwan Strait was covered by the new agreement and that Japanese naval vessels could support US ships

policing the waters around Taiwan. Beijing was swift to attack the new deal as a violation of Chinese sovereignty, and there is the rub. Taiwan, to which Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist forces fled, was seen by the victorious communists of 1949 as a rebel province of China. For Chiang, the argument was reversed. The mainland was to be recovered by the Nationalists of the Republic

of China from Taipei. Each side says there is one China. but Chiang's successors in the Kuomintang continue to insist they are the custodians of the original Chinese Republic founded by Sun Yat-sen, whose revolt against the Manchu Dynasty 86 years ago today is marked as Double Tenth national day.

In 1978, President Carter recognised Beijing. Then the US Congress passed an act pledging to help defend Taiwan. Yet while ties with the US remain strong, ambivalent feelings sometimes surface. "I'm glad Clinton sent those carriers. I wasn't sure that he would," said one

observer in Taipei.

An official said: "Our country and the United States do have a large number of parallel interests. But we cannot rely on other countries for our survival and security. \*This may be a healthy antidote to the more prevalent view that the US will always take the side of Taiwan.

Beijing angrily broke off a cross-strait dialogue in 1995 after President Lee was granted a US visa to visit his old university, Cornell.

ny thought of reconquering the mainland has long been abandoned by Taipei. Today the very idea of 21million strong Taiwan taking over the 1.2 billion inhabitants of the People's Republic of China looks

Vincent Siew, Taiwan's new Prime Minister, defines the goal of Taiwan's policy as the unification of China under the principles of democracy, freedom and the equitable distribution of wealth. Mr Siew last week welcomed a call by Beijing for new talks, but said they should take place without any restrictions and putting aside the dispute over

wereignty.
While any talking is clearly an improvement on silence and bouts of missile firing, it is hard to see



entrenched adversaries can lead. Taiwan has no interest in Beijing's policy of one country, two systems, as applied to Hong Kong. According to Dr Lin, the issues of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan are "closely packed" by Beijing. "Taiwan is already feeling pressure for an agreement," he says.

Dr Lin adds that the Chinese leadership has adopted a batch of policies to bring pressure on Taipei, including efforts to persuade states which recognise Taiwan to switch to

Optimists can point out that while the latest quarterly poll in Taiwan showed support for independence as soon as possible reaching 10 per cent, double that for unification, 82 per cent opted for some variant of the status quo. The polling includes subdivisions for people who hope

it was in colonial days, and there are airline flights between Hong Kong and Tai-pei. Ships sail directly from one port in Taiwan to two on the mainland, getting around the sovereignty issue by using flags of con-venience. Business is business," said an official. Officials from both sides

of the strait meet unofficially. One in Taipei said that his communist visitors posed as academics "but we know who they are, and they know that we

know who they are". The optimist who sees Hong Kong taking over China rather than the reverse can add Taiwan entre-

preneurs to the cast. But in Taiwan, even the optimist must keep his fingers crossed. The benign draft cannot stay unaltered when the only certain future is one of continuing political tension.

Buoyant \* UK is top priority

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TAIWANESE investment in Britain is going from strength to strength. The lack of diplomatic relations has meant that Taiwan businessmen have used overseas investment to build partnerships with host countries.

The UK is Taiwan's number one target in terms of investment in Europe. Although Britain has fewer investment than Germany or The Netherlands, the overall value is far higher, at \$1.03 billion; than that for Germany, its nearest rival, at \$126 million.

Wilfred Sing, a partner in the accounting firm Simmons Gainsford, which has brought a number of Taiwan companies to Britain, says the Taiwanese find this country attractive because of the language and the advanced infrastructure and telecommunications systems.

Britain also has a versatile workforce that is willing to work long, flexible hours. Mr Sing says the legacy of the Commonwealth means that the British understand the Chinese mentality.

He notes that while research capabilities in Britain are excellent. Taiwanese companies have the ability to turn research into products, which creates a complementary role for joint ventures.

Conversely, there are many opportunities for UK business in Taiwan, which is involved in numerous joint ventures with the mainland and can be used as a gateway to that market. There is also a desperate need in Taiwan for English language teachers.

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Taiwan is intent on increas ing its overseas investment. Acer Europe, for example, is planning substantial new investments in Europe and will be floating on the London stock exchange by the year 2000. Graham Jackson, managing director of Acer UK, says the decision to float the European operation in London is linked to the fact that Britain will be the largest personal computer market in Europe before the year 2000.

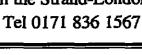
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## Many friends overcome few relations

WHEN President Lee Tenghui went to Rome to see the Pope, there were no meetings with the Italian Government. Life is like that for leaders of Taiwan, which has full diplo-matic relations with only one European state, the Holy See.

That does not stop Taipei trading with most of the world, but it is hurt that only about 30 states, the majority of them very small, have kept full links after most countries decided that it was only ealistic to recognise Beijing. Taipei lost a big prize when

South Africa announced that it would switch ties at the end of this year. Now the only formal relations in the region will be with Swaziland and Malawi. Half the countries giving formal recognition to Taiwan as the Republic of China are in Latin America and the Caribbean. President Lee was recently in Panama, Honduras, El Salvador and His Government is trying

to induce companies to diversify away from mainland China. Panama is of obvious interest to Taiwan shipping interests, and Paraguay is part of Mercosur, the South But business has been very cautious about following the flag to such areas.

Lack of embassies has not stopped commerce, and Tai-wan is now the 14th largest trader in the world. But it has no seat at the United Nations



and no membership of the World Trade Organisation. Taiwan observers were barred from the recent annual meetings of the International

Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Hong Kong. The Republic of China was

for eventual independence or unifi-

cation, but see no point in rocking

means no invasion. War would

destroy not only one of Asia's most

successful economies, but would

also end Taiwan's role in the

modernisation of mainland China.

panies are doing business on the mainland. Hong Kong is still treat-

An estimated 35,000 Taiwan com-

No declaration of independence

the boat.

a founding member of Gatt, hut lost its membership when Man Zedong came to power, was given observer status and then had this withdrawn when Beijing was awarded

China's seat at the UN. But whatever the complaints about lack of access to governments elsewhere, there are said to be no complaints about the way Washington has been briefing Taipei on the visit of President Jiang Zemin there later this month.

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# The keys to Western-style prosperity

nce Taiwan put the shirt on your back. Now it is more likely to ship a personal computer to your home. Taiwan is the thirdlargest producer of computer hardware. It makes more than 60 per cent of all personal computers and keyboards and 70 per cent of

This is a far cry from the toys once associated with the country. Much basic manufacturing has been shunted off to mainland China, where wage rates are a

fraction of those in Taiwan. Gross national product is this year expected to reach \$300 billion, with GNP per capita rising to \$14,000. This puts Taiwan ahead of

bers of the European Union. The economy is expected to grow by at least 6.2 per cent this year, compared with 5.7 per cent in 1996. The unemployment rate has almost doubled during the 1990s, but is still below 3 per cent. The population ine workforce skilled. Man people speak Eng-lish and think globally, a useful characteristic in a society where exports ac-

count for 70 per cent of GNP. industries expected to perform well this year include information technology (TT), electronics, chemicals and textiles. Among the fastestgrowing exports are IT, telecommunications equipment and steel. Overseas sales of footwear, sporting goods and toys are declining.

Small and medium-sized firms dominate the economy. This is both its strength and its weakness. Small companies are flexible and can adapt quickly to the marketplace. But Taiwan has to buy in advanced IT products from America and Japan. Small firms have enough problems securing bank loans, let alone obtaining the funds to finance research and development (R&D). And basic computer production can be done much more cheaply on the Chinese mainland.

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The shift of routine manufacturing to much less developed societies in China and South-East Asia is a sign of Taiwan's increasing economic maturity. Taipei can look north to a stagnant Japan and south to the turmoil in the financial markets of the Association of South East Asian Nations and congratu-

late itself on doing rather well.

A planned high-speed western corridor rail link, which will cut travelling time to the south by more than half and with intermediate stations linked to a series of new

towns, is billed as the biggest new infrastructure project in the world. That is a clear sign of current confidence. The real challenges are long-term. Michael Porter, a Harvard management expert, has told officials that Taiwan should concentrate on capturing cutting edge high-technology industries. In its 1997-98

"white paper", the American Chamber of Commerce in Taipei argues that deficiencies in the present infrastructure, including water and electricity shortages, would make Mr Porter's ideas harder to put There are hun-

dreds of computerhardware manufacturers in Taiwan making the products that are its biggest export earner. But while lauding their achievement,

there is official recognition of a weakness in the way the sector is run. A handful of firms at the top of the IT industry are committed to R&D. But small and medium-sized companies make up 85 per cent of

President Lee: "Think

of Taiwan's security"

Beyond the debate about the future shape of Taiwan's economy lies the China question. How far should Taiwan business beome involved in the fastest-growing economy on earth?

Businessmen and politicians are pulling in different directions. President Lee Teng-hui has been sending the message "Think of Taiwan's security. Do not over-commit yourselves on the mainland."

It will be interesting to see how Vincent Siew, Prime Minister since last month, and a politician with a strong background in economic affairs, copes with this particular China syndrome.

DENIS TAYLOR





Changing fortunes: reflecting the growing wealth of the island are the first Chinese-language Vogue, the spread of credit cards and a market for expensive fashions



TAIWAN offers many lifestyles. This may

be the most densely inhabited place on earth after Bangladesh, but there is still room for choice. *Denis Taylor writes*. The restaurants offer styles of cooking from many different regions of the Chinese mainland. Some local cooking even blends Chinese and Japanese influences. There is now a vogue for Japanese food

and films among young people who have no memories of the time when the occupiers forbade the teaching of Chinese. Then there is the choice of which

Chinese dialect to use. Mandarin is the lingua franca, as it is on the mainland. But some prefer to speak Southern Fukinese, the dialect of settlers who moved to Taiwan long before the Nationalist forces of Chiang Kai-shek.

Schoolbooks for young children now dwell on the history of Taiwan, which had only a few Chinese settlers and aboriginal inhabitants when the Dutch arrived there in the 17th century. This educational development is not well received by those bred to the idea that they are the heirs to 5,000 years of Chinese culture.

But the Chinese are adept at absorbing foreign influences while remaining as Chinese as ever. In Taipei there are branches of French and Italian fashion houses and American fast-food outlets. The young wear the latest international fashions, listen to rock music and often speak English well. They are the first Chinese who can vote for political movements of their choice, such as the rising Democratic Progressive Party.

But the Chinese street is never far away, with its traditional, sometimes rickety buildings. Taipei has Western classical concerts, Chinese and Taiwanese opera-There are discotheques and traditional

tea-houses. Where Western and Chinese trends meet is at the cinema. The islanders are keen cinemagoers. The Taiwan film industry once made more than 100 films a year. Output is sharply down, but productions such as Eat Drink Man Woman win international awards.

CULTURE

about how they were discovered by archaeologists, Denis Taylor writes. But there is nothing quite like the long march of China's artworks across thousands of miles of war-torn territory before they found a home at the National Palace Museum, on a hillside in a Taipei suburb. a permanent reminder that Taiwan's heritage is Chinese.

Some of the items, such as the bronze vessels, are thousands of years old. The collection was begun in the late 10th century AD, when the Sung Dynasty Emperor Tai-tsung ordered officials to search for fine examples of calligraphy and paintings dispersed among the people. The collection was notably in-creased in the early 12th century, but was soon broken up during a rebellion.

Some items were seized by Tartars. Others ended up in the hands of the general population. So the Emperor Kaotsung had to start again. The Mongol invasion and dynastic changes meant that the collection was switched between cities.

After the last Emperor, the now deposed Henry Pu Yi, was ordered out of the Forbidden City in 1924, the Palace Museum Collection was opened to the public. But the Japanese attack in Manchuria led to the collection being moved to Shanghai. This was the start of 16 years of wandering, as the collection was switched to Nanjing and into the interior of China and back again to evade Japanese and later commu-

nist armies. The collection, which also includes ceramics, jade and lacquer, fans and tapestries, carvings and rare books was finally shipped to Taiwan in 1949.

The museum says that though some of the items had to be left behind, staff who had been involved in earlier migrations during the Japanese invasion made sure that all the best works were shipped out.

They were stored until the present museum opened in 1965. There are estimated to be 600,000 items. It is impossible to show all of them at once, so displays at the world's greatest museum of Chinese art are rotated.

Taiwan: On the Global Fast Track

As the world's third-largest computer hardware supplier, Taiwan is already a key player in today's global economy. Information technology is but one way the Republic of China is becoming an essential component of regional growth in the Asia-Pacific and an increasingly integral part of the international community. Democracy is thriving on Taiwan, and the island is working to become an Asia-Pacific Regional Operations Center, with intriguing investment possibilities for foreign transnational corporations.

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# Look north for the future of music

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That if I announced in advance that I was going to give you 900 words about the proposed new Regional Music Centre in Gateshead? You would shudder. Your eyes would glaze over. Your limbs would turn to jelly. The paper would slip from your limpid fingers, and you would stagger towards something more rivering, like the Tory party

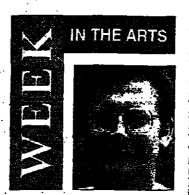
conference on the telly.

So I shall dissemble. This is really a fairytale about how musical life could exist in an ideal country at an ideal time. It would be a place in which men and women of vision are backed by enlightened politicians and resourceful bureaucrats, and cynicism is unknown in the ranks of orchestras, and all children have wonderful opportunities to develop their instrumental and choral talents, irrespective of whether their families are on the dole or rolling in dosh. In short, ir's the place I visit in my dreams. Except that this fairytale is really going to happen. In Gateshead. In four British builders are involved. But what really endears Gateshead's Regional Music Centre to

me is its phoenix quality. This is a bird that has source from the ashes of pessimism, a victory snatched from the jaws of defeat, a winning break on a cloth untrue with a twisted cue and elliptical billiard balls. I think you get my drift, and drift it certainly is. For years our orchestras have been rubbished, written off, pitied. Buffeted by falling audiences, falling subsidies, falling record sales and jeremiads in the press, they ap-, peared to be spinning towards a sad little Götterdämmerung all

Then a band comes along — it's the Northern Sinfonia — which, in tandem with a "can do" town council, has planned a future that not only preserves local musical life but immeasurably enriches it. it intends to pulverise the notion that an orchestra is simply a group of people paid to give concerts in quaint costumes. Instead, it takes its cue from a celebrated statement hitherto honoured more by quotation than by action: Pierre Boulez's remark that "the orchestra is an ensemble of possibilities which excludes absolutely nothing. What the Northern Sinfonia

plans is a traditional concertgiving role run in parallel with a whole new community responsibility. Its players will sometimes divide into smaller ensembles and embark on schools tours. Or they will work with young composers in colleges. Or they will provide expert inspiration to children just starting out on the long journey towards mastery of an instrument following the excellent Scandinavian principle that you must



RICHARD MORRISON

persuade the best players to teach the youngest kids, so they pick up

good habits straight away.
In short, the orchestra — which already serves a huge swath of the North with its concerts — will

preoccupation in our family with the sell-ing of souls. My

grandfather warned the Vic-

torians of the dangers in The

Picture of Dorian Gray and

promptly disposed of his own

to a beautiful and tempestuous

young man called "Bosie" Douglas. I nearly sold mine

for 30 pieces of silver a year

ago, but my integrity got the

Marc Samuelson, producer

the new film on Oscar

Wilde, asked if I would consid-

er a role as consultant on the

life of my grandfather. It appeared to be a flattering

offer. All too often the heirs to

literary estates, worried about

having the image of their

ancestors tarnished by scan-

dal, are tiresomely uncoopera-

tive with film-makers and

biographers. Wilde's case is

different since most of the

skeletons fell out of the family

cupboard in 1895 and we have

nothing left to conceal. In two

decades of researching his life

and works I have stated pub-

licly that I would never white-

During that lunch I ex-

pressed surprise that the pro-

ducer had purchased film rights to Richard Ellmann's

biography of Wilde. It was

merely a "safety measure",

was the explanation, so I.

warned him of the pitfalls in

Elimann and waited to see a

was due to start. Wilde's

wash him.

better of me.

more: a focus for an entire region's musical aspirations, amateur and professional. And that's where the Regional Music Centre comes in. Sited right next to the magnificent Baltic Flour Mills project (which will bang the same sort of drum for the visual arts) the Regional Music Centre — gosh, I'd give them a fiver myself if they came up with a snappier title - will include not only two halls but a music teaching centre as well. Norman Foster will design it. And it won't just embrace classical music: Folkworks, the region's pioneering traditional-music agency, will also

operate there. Of course, such centres are not new. In Leipzig 150 years ago Mendelssohn established exactly that sort of regional music hot-

reinvent itself as something much great orchestra and a focus for a community's culture. Indeed it was symbolic, and rather touching, that when communism crumbled in 1989 the Leipzig citizens flocked to the Gewandhaus, and its director Kurt Masur, for

> n America, too, some orchestras have realised that survival into the 21st century means going out into the communities yes, even the black and Hispanic communities - and making friends, not sitting tight in the concert hall. Nor is the Northern Sinfonia the only enlightened orchestra in Britain. The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra has pioneered excellent educational projects. The London Symphony Orchestra has grasped the vital truth that television is the key to all mass audiences, and is

forging ahead with bold plans to televise itself. The Bournemouth orchestras, too, have revolutionary community plans.

All these orchestras know that if they don't do the missionary work for music, nobody else will. Certainly not the schools, most of which can't scrape together enough pennies for a penny whistle these days. But I still think the Northern Sinfonia's plans are the boldest and best, because (although they have had fine music directors) they haven't had a one-in-a-million figurehead like Simon Rattle, or loads of City backing like the LSO, or a large middle-class hinterland to support them, like the Bournemouth orchestras.

So three cheers for them. And a pat on the back for the Arts Council for being enlightened enough to give them an extra £1.7 million grant last month to help them to achieve their dream. My goodness, it pains me to write that sentence. But one must give credit where it is due. War will be

weaken the story. One example will tell. When Oscar visits

Constance's grave, the camera

moves down the headstone

revealing "Constance Mary Lloyd – Wife of Oscar Wilde". The second half of the inscrip-tion was only placed there in 1963. Without it, and with

Stephen Fry (playing Wilde) reading from the letter that he

wrote at the time - "It was

very tragic seeing her name

carved on a tomb - her

surname, my name not men-

tioned of course" — the scene

would have had an almost

As we go into a new century

the public must reassess

Wilde's greatness or it may

begin to suspect that what lies

unbearable poignancy.



In the flesh: the real Wilde as a fashionable undergraduate at Oxford in April 1876

## Not the genuine Oscar takes and omissions which

Merlin Holland laments the disturbing inaccuracies in Wilde, the new film portrayal of his grandfather

all with the portrayal of my grandfather's homosexuality, but it should remain only a part and not be sensationalised. In an interview Julian Mitchell, who wrote the screenplay, stated that the most important reason for the continuing interest in Wilde was the romance he had with Douglas. It is a view which panders to public prurience and entirely misunderstands

the complicated and charismatic man who still fascinates today. "My Art," said Wilde in De Profundis. "was the real passion of my life; the love to which all other loves were as marsh-water to red wine." But of his art in this film, apart from the odd curtain call, there is sadly no

evidence. However, my main criticism was of the ending. The last scene was to have shown Oscar and Bosie falling into each other's arms in the railway station at Rouen - Oscar's wife, Constance, having died two scenes before. The reality, less neatly, was the reverse. On his release from



On the big screen: Oscar Wilde as played by Stephen Fry in the new film

prison Wilde went to France, where he spent four months near Dieppe writing The Ballad of Reading Gaol. Tired of waiting for his wife and children to see him, in late August he gave in to Douglas's pleas for a reunion in Rouen and then went to spend the winter with him in Naples. The warmed-up affair was full of bitterness and argument and they separated for good after three months. As a final blow

following year. The production team was adamant that their ending should stand, and it has. The

Constance died in April the

cepted, along with other tricks of the art, but this travesty of an ending I could not. A two-year consultancy contract had been proposed with a fee of £5,000. It was made clear that I was simply required to be

on the end of a phone if needed. In the end it was the clause which prevented me from talking to any third party without permission which made me turn it down. Silence in matters like this has

no reasonable price. To be fair the film does not slaughter Wilde, but nor does it do him any favours. There is no sign of the man who wrote: 'I altered the minds of men and the colours of things: there was nothing I said or did that did not make people wonder. I awoke the imagination of my century so that it created myth and legend around me." Those for whom this is a first introduction to Wilde will ask themselves whether they have been duped into thinking he is something extraordinary when all they can feel is pity

inclined to listen. ● The Wilde Album is published next Thursday by Fourth Estate

for a man broken in prison. imbalance in the homosexual-There are too many mis-

behind the mask is mere emptiness. Films like this will not help. One must also ask why the Arts Council invested £1.5 million of lottery money in a film which claimed in its application for a grant to be based on Ellmann's biography, a pedigree which is patently not the case. For my own part I occasionally wonder whether I should not have served my grandfather better by taking the money and attempting to change things from the inside.

(£12.99). Wilde opens next Friday

But those who buy silence

rather than speech are seldom

**CONCERTS:** Dark and light shades of Schumann; plus a masterly recital

## Songs of life

mann Revealed series meant to reinstate the composer as a creator of large-scale orchestrai and choral scores, then Manfred made a fitting open-ing to the final night. With its obsessional repeated rhythmic figures over a tautly constructed span, it physically wrestles, with Byron's demons. Standing strings, as in the Leipzig of the 1840s, gave an incisive narrative. But for all their beauty, what would Schumann have thought of the performance of selected incidental pieces that followed. divorced from their dramatic context? And would Byron have balked at the choir's consoling Requiem chant for the soul of his turbulent Manfred?

Spiritual consolation be-came the theme for this vale-dictory evening. Schumann's neglected Requiem for Mignon emerged afresh in this touching performance as a masterpiece, free of the sentimentality inherent in its words. The Hanover Boys. Choir was terrifically articulate, giving its pure but never

large sound the definition of

Baritone William Dazeley. who made an arresting appeal to the boys to "return to life" in Mignon, came into his own in Goethe's Faust as Dr Marianus. His slow delivery gave his triumphal vision a deeply personal quality. Ruth Ziesak, Nadja Michael, Toby Spence and Neil Davies brought a rich, unusual combination of voices to the performance. As the work lifts higher into its spiritual stratosphere, Gardiner maintained a sense of lively interplay aided by the responsive Monteverdi Singers and the Barbican's hard acoustics.

Could the neglect of Schumann's later works be due to the nature of their poetry? We identify more readily with his struggle with dark forces than with the songs of a redemption he never experienced.

HELEN WALLACE

### Listen and learn

THE books were piled up outside for the signing, for this was a rare London visit by the great American planist, writer and linguist Charles Rosen, whose The Classical Style and The Romantic Generation have done as much as any-thing published this century to influence how we think about music and perform it.

This was both the concert of

the books and a joyful seventieth birthday celebration. Rosen strode on to the plat-form and, after a summary survey of his audience, began to play Mozart. Here, in three little pieces composed in the Baroque style, and in the A minor Rondo, K511, we heard a penetrating study of musical etymology and linguistics in which the logic and the purpose of every note, inflection and phrase became suddenly and wonderfully obvious.

But this was not the dry explanation of academe. This was music-making fired by the passion of learning. Beethoven's Sonata in A flat, Op 110, stood alone, assured and entire of itself, yet forged from the language we had just

searching far beyond it in the recitative, arioso and final, transfiguring, fugue. Detail after detail caught the breath: the bright energy coiled into a trill, the harmonic pointers of notes an octave apart; the perfect timing with which the rough, stomping Scherzo held its breath and tuned its spirit into tentative song.

the rapidly beating heart of that Romantic Generation in Schumann's Davidsbündlertanze. Simplicity, tough play and biting wit rang out of Rosen's masterly control of weight, measure and velocity. There were two simple encores: the intermezzo from Schumann's Faschingsschwank aus Wien and a Chopin Mazurka which, Rosen said, Liszt thought would have been rather better

HILARY FINCH





TEN OBJECTS OF DESIRE

Richard Cork's daily guide to the Hayward Gallery's new still lifes

■ JOAN MIRO: Table with Glove, 1921

TIPPED up at a drastic angle for our inspection. Miro's table-top seems in danger of collapse. But somehow, the objects lying on its surface defy gravity and remain in place. A portfolio spattered with red and green dots proclaims the presence of an artist. So does the fragment of *Le Journal*, surely paying homage to the newspaper cuttings in so many Cubist collages. The other objects, though, reflect Miro's love of his family's farm at Montroig in Spain. The well-used glove bristles with latent energy, while the walking-stick traversing the table in a dramatic diagonal has a tough, purposeful air. As for the tankard, it sports an heraldic image of a cock in full plumage, well able to disrupt the sleepiness of country life with his triumphant crowing.

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ON MONDAY: Paul Klee's Colourful Meal, 1928

#### LONDON JAZZ CONCERTS

## Way they used to make them

ever hearing any jazz orchestra perform the themes to The New Avengers and The Professionals. Those offbeat excursions arose from Johnson's impressive CV as a composer of screen music. This is Your Life, Whicker's World and World in Action have all borne his imprint.

Not content with sitting on his royalties, he launched his big band this year, with the aim of supplying London with a reservoir of talent similar to that to be found in its symphony orchestras.

A laudable goal, but the band's repertoire needs to be dusted down if it is to do justice to its imposing title. Evebrows would be raised if the LSO never ventured further afield than Elgar, but the LBB seems to exist in a dance band time-warp, circa 1947. Johnson learns his trade in the distant age of Ted Heath

night of several firsts.
This was the first time that Laurie Johnson's London Big Band had played the Palladium. Nor old I recall the Palladium. No one would expect him to sign up Courtney Pine, but it would have been good to have heard a pop tune a little more contemporary than Got to Get You into My Life. Still, what the LBB does

play, it plays extremely well. with all the precision you would expect from such experienced players, and a conductor as seasoned as Jack Parnell. Kenny Baker added lush trumpet to Embraceable You: Tommy Whittle took the honours on a mellifluous reading of I'll Follow My Secret Heart. One of the few representatives of the younger generation in the line-up. Ralph Salmins furnished ample propulsion from behind the drum-kit. Johnson has also unearthed a promising vocalwas making only her second professional outing.

CLIVE DAVIS

## Old bonds retied

ALTHOUGH the influence of South African exiles such as the pianist Chris McGregor and the Blue Notes on the 1960s British jazz scene is well documented, contact between the two countries' contemporary scenes is only just begin-ning to re-establish itself. Keith Tippett numbers himself among those whose early jazz sensibilities were shaped by South African players, so it is fitting that he should be at the heart of current efforts to revive the extraordinary spirit that characterised relations 30

years ago Zim Ngqawana led a 100piece percussion ensemble at Nelson Mandela's presidential inauguration. But it was his sextet Ingoma, comprising three compatriots — pianist Andile Yenana, bassist Herbie Tsoaeli and drummer Kevin Gibson, plus American trombonist Barry Olsen and trumpeter Jim Dvorak - that performed the short set that opened Wednesday's concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. Beginning with a luxuriant-

ly slow, sweet flute melody. but swiftly incorporating many other musical elements into a deliciously heady, rousing brew, Ingoma demonstrated just how rich is the musical tradition upon which they are

able to draw. quartet Mujician — pianist Tippett, saxophonist Paul Dunmall, bassist Paul Rogers and drummer Tony Levin brought the concert's first part to a close with their uniquely virtuosic brand of alternately meditative and rambunctious spontaneous composition.

The concert's second half saw all ten musicians on stage to celebrate their joint legacy. Rhythms ranged from rollicking to gently loping; woozy, almost Mingusian bluesiness alternated with rowdy freefor-alls. Anthemic, lush elegance was tellingly contrasted with bustlingly energetic romps, sonorous horn arrangements with scrabbling



Soon Caroline, Andrea, Sharon and Jim Corr will release their second album. And if you don't rush out and buy it, then they haven't been meeting and greeting hard enough

# Soldiering in the name of the Corrs

and occasional tin whistler. "She'd run around on stage for the best part of two hours, then change clothes very quickly and get back out to sign career. For, although you would never accuse the four autographs and pose for photwentysomethings of having tographs, really giving her everything to the endless been complacent prior to working with her, there was meet'n'greet ritual. And she'd certainly an unusually high be completely lovely about it too. Nothing false at all." degree of serendipity involved in their own launch as a recording act. Who could blame them if they thought Dion, the ultimate super-CHRIS PARKER pro, is a good role model for the Corrs at this stage in their things unfolded so smoothly

the Irish sisters-and-

brother group the Corrs

entertained any illusions

about chart success just

happening, they were dis-abused of them during a recent three-month spell sup-

porting Celine Dion on tour in

Europe and America. "It was quite amazing to watch her." admits Andrea, lead vocalist

> for every aspirant star? Raised in Dundalk, County Louth, by parents who had day jobs and played in bands each weekend, their musical talents were encouraged from an early age. A first break came in 1990 via a chance meeting with John Hughes, at the time acting as musical advisor to film director Alan Parker, in Dublin to cast and

Ireland's latest tip for the top are going on a global charm offensive. **Alan Jackson** willingly surrenders

shoot The Commitments. A small role for Andrea resulted. and has since been followed by an appearance in Parker's Evita, in which she played the

young mistress of Jonathan Pryce's Juan Peron. Hughes also volunteered himself as their manager, and thus began the process of refining and shaping their appeal as a potential recording act. It was while performing at a Dublin club in 1994 that Andrea and her co-vocalists. Caroline (drums. sisters

bodhran) and Sharon (violin) and brother Jim (keyboards and guitar) impressed the then American ambassador to Ireland, Jean Kennedy Smith. She invited them to appear at World Cup celebration in Boston later that year and.

came to nothing, but in New York a senior executive with Atlantic Records, Jason Lom, was sufficiently impressed to

the set was uneven and lack-

lustre in parts. Archive tunes

Do It Clean and Lips Like

Sugar, once taut and nimble,

were delivered with a bombas-

tic clumsiness ill-suited to the

band's poised elegance. More

than ever, this show proved

the Bunnymen to be an endur-

ing cult outfit with ideas above

their station.

while across the Atlantic, Hughes and the group million copies. shopped for a label deal. prising to anyone who has Meetings in Los Angeles seen the Corrs play live. At heart they are that unfashion-

able but perennially marketable commodity, a melodic pop-rock band. Lush vocals sweeten the mix; the clever, restrained use of traditional Irish instrumentation subverts it. Major stars already in Australia, Japan and, of course, Ireland, they have all the elements necessary now to repeat that success in Britain and America, where sales of the LP were respectable but undramatic. A new single, Only When I Sleep, taken from Forgiven's forthcoming

want to sign them to the

independent company, Lava, that he was setting up. David Foster, record producer to the

glitterati (Dion, Streisand and

Michael Jackson among them)

and a friend of Lom's, was

similarly taken. He too was

launching his own label, 143. The result? The Corrs' debut

album, 1995's Forgiven, Not

Forgotten, was produced by

Foster, released on Lava/143,

and distributed by Atlantic.

Oh, and it sold a cool two

That last fact will be unsur-

It has a harder edge than anything they have released to Touring so much changed us, but in an organic way," says Sharon of this

could well be the catalyst they

express ourselves differently. while keeping the hallmarks of our sound — the big vocals, the traditional instrumenta

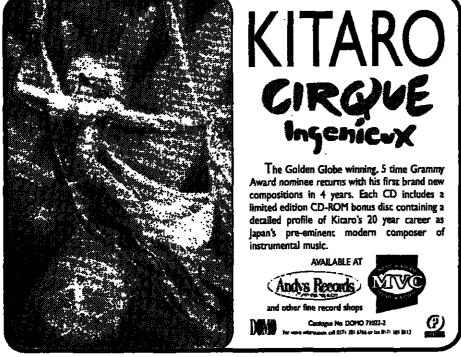
"We became more guitarorientated, and hence hipper and more contemporary," Jim says. "Yes, we were afraid of being labelled middle-of-theroad, and I'm sure that the fact of our having taken this direction is going to be a big help."

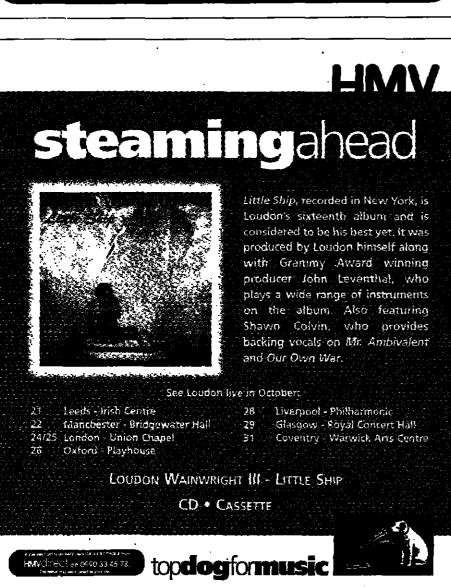
Being signed to an American label brings with it potential access to a host of topflight co-writers, and the Corrs have been quick to take advantage. Talk On Corners features collaborations with Glen Ballard, Alanis Morissette's composing partner, while Only When I Sleep was written with Oliver Leiber, son of the legendary Jerry (all those early Elvis hits, for a start). It comes complete with a video directed by Oasis favourite Nigel Dick that makes shameless capital of the quartet's good looks and willingness to mug for the camera. All in all. a very winning package; what could possibly go wrong?

ut you don't tour with the mighty Celine and learn nothing. The Corrs are taking absolutely no chances, and when they have finished shaking every media hand in Britain they will set off to do the same throughout Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and then America. There will be more live dates too.

All in all, it means a lot of meets n'greets, a lot of smiling but "we're having fun", they successor, Talk On Corners, insist, in between fretting that their London hotel's air-conditioning is about to induce collective flu and wondering why their room service lunch hasn't turned up.

Only When I Sleep is available on Lava/143. Talk On Corners will he released on Oct 20





## Rather worn under the cult of the sparkling style made famous by UZ's Edge. But despite these highlights

LIVE POP

FOR most of the 1980s, Liverpool's Echo and the Bunnymen were one of Britain's best-loved cult bands. Singer Ian McCulloch was a winning mix of art school attitude and football terrace bravado, and always boasted the coolest haircut in rock. But the quartet never achieved the success of their similar-sounding contemporaries U2, and eventually disintegrated a decade ago. Older and wiser, the three

surviving Bunnymen re-formed this year with an acclaimed new album, Evergreen. Their pristine, guitardriven sound is largely intact and their reception has been warm. Initial comeback shows three months ago were hailed as almost messianic second

Even so, the Bunnymen seemed slightly overwhelmed by the cavernous dimensions of the Manchester Academy. McCulloch might present

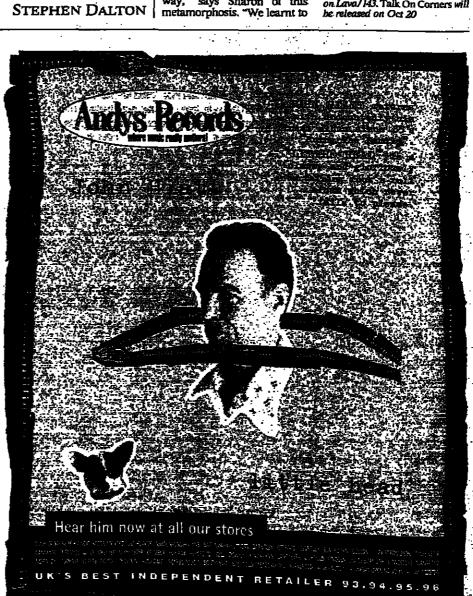
himself in interviews as the most prodigiously gifted rock star ever to grace the stage, but he appeared tired and nervous for much of the set. Indeed, he admitted to feeling exhausted halfway through, which perhaps explains why his vocals on new compositions such as

Forgiven and I'll Fly Tonight sounded jarringly flat. In fairness, McCulloch remains a naturally charismatic front man and his voice has

clearly matured. This was evident on rapturously received greatest hits including The Killing Moon and The Back of Love. both of which were crooned in a rich, fruity baritone. These more spartan numbers also gave free rein to guitarist Will Sergeant, whose crystalline playing technique is still recognisable as a warmer and more melodic variant

◆ Caitlin Moran is away. Her column resumes next week





NEW ALBUMS: David Sinclair defends M People's right to produce ace pop and not be sneered at

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# Listen without prejudice

(BMG 74321 52490 £14.49) ALL sorts of people seem to have it in for M People. The indie-rock crowd has never forgiven them for snatching the 1994 Mercury Music Prize from under the noses of Pulp, Blur and Prodigy. Soul purists invariably balk at Heather Small's voice. And snobs from all areas routinely deride the group's music as being em-blematic of the Sierra-driving. Harvesters restaurant crowd, a burden M People seem to nave inherited from Level 42. lgnore these ungenerous rinques. Suspend any lingerng prejudices you may harbour about "disco" music. And

let the simple, unaffected charm of Fresco enter your While her deep stylised delivery does tend to sound as if she has a small animal caught in the back of her throat, Small nevertheless has a wonderfully distinctive voice and a sure touch for conveying the essence of lyrics in which

there is no place for irony, ambiguity or world-weary While slower, more soulful songs tend to predominate, the best tracks - Fantasy Island and Angel St - combine a feel-good disco beat with win-ning choruses harnessed to resolutely aspirational lyrics: The children are playing in air you can breathe/People got

dreams, people achieve." Only once do they strike a false note, with a version of the old Bryan Ferry song, Avalon, set to a polite drum and bass track which sounds rather contrived. Otherwise, like the Spice Girls, M People provide highly enjoyable, top-quality pop which thrives on its utter lack of artifice and pretension

SLEEPER Pleased to Meet You (Indolent/BMG SLEEPCD016 £13.99)

ALTHOUGH on to their third album, Sleeper still sound rather undecided as to what their proper role in this pop game should be. Now almost entirely a vehicle for the words, tunes and thoughts of singer Louise Wener, they seem torn between retaining their slightly leftfield indie band cachet and promoting Wener to full-on pop personality status.

The result is too many songs like the single She's a Good Girl, whose awkward yer banal tune and incomprehensible lyric — "She's a good girl/Ån alien makeskin/Holding her breath in/Maybe she's melt-- resulted in a predictably disappointing chart performance. Rollercoaster, Please Please Please. Superclean, (which sounds like an old Elastica song) and Romeo Me (the next single) all suffer from a similarly lightweight, yet needlessly cluttered approach.

Better by far are the songs

where Wener adopts a more straightforward approach,



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particularly Miss You, which sounds a bit like Nico singing with the Velvet Underground. and Breathe, in which Wener's voice drifts along in sympathy with the tune instead of snatching at it. With Sleeper's novelty value fading fast, Wener would do well to explore this avenue more thor-

Me to You (Code Blue 3984 20444 £15.49) BORN in America, but resident for many years in Sweden, Eric Bibb has been lumped in with the new breed of acoustic country blues artists who have cast then

oughly in future.

Taj Mahal. The connection is lime, whip-taut shuffle called Ireinforced on Me to You, Bibb's third album, thanks to a guest vocal by Mahal himself on Sing your Song, a typically warm, relaxed tune, written by Bibb, with a gospellike chorus that sounds as if you have known it all your life. Although rooted in the

blues, this album is a wideranging affair which incorporates touches of soul - as on the Robert Cray-esque Between A Woman and a Man - and several ballads, such as You're the One and Something Much Greater, which could almost pass for mainstream black American pop. in the image of roots-meister a full-blooded blues, a sub-

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Need A Vacation: "I'm gonna take a long vacation. I'm all tuckered out/I got a cabin in the country, don't nobody know about." It is the best track on the album and, while admiring Bibb's determination to steer clear of the blues ghetto, one hopes he has not drifted too far from the core of his art.

VARIOUS ARTISTS A Life Less Ordinary -Original Soundtrack (A&M 5408274 £13.99)

MORE than merely the soundtrack of the forthcoming Danny Boyle movie, the al-Life Less Ordinary an extraordinarily vivid snapshot of the rich yet dislocated musical landscape that is 1990s alternative pop. Boasting new songs from

Beck (a provocative sambatype number, Dead Weight), Ash (the title track, which is also their new single), R.E.M. (an eerie, bad dream piece called *Leave*), Faithless, Un-derworld, Sneaker Pimps and others, it also includes a smattering of easy listening standards such as Elvis Presley's Always on My Mind and Bobby Darin's Beyond The Sea, alongside an old Prodigy track (Full Throttle). and some more modish bits and pieces. It is like tuning into XFM radio while travel ling in a time capsule.

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**JAZZ ALBUMS** 

## Team player is man of the match

**GEOFF KEEZER** Turn up the Quiet (Columbia 488830 2) THE American pianist Geoff Keezer is only in his mid-twenties, but already has a stint in jazz's most celebrated finishing school, gers, behind him, in addition to a string of well-

received albums as a leader. This one features him in three basic settings: solo, jamming with like-minded contemporaries (saxophonist Joshua Redman and bassist Christian McBride), and fronting multi-textured arrangements of both his own pieces and odd ones by the likes of Japanese composer Ryuichi Sakamoto.

Singer Diana Krall brings smoky intimacy to her various contributions. and both percussionist Cyro Baptista and programmer Jason Miles are intelligently used, but it is Keezer who shines, whether he's playing his trademark quirky, splashily percussive piano on familiar material such as Stompin' at the Savoy, exploring the emotional depths of Billy Strayhorn's precocious classic Lush Life, or combining elegantly with Redman's tart, sinuous

Metamorfollow-g (Alltone/New Note ALTR (IOI) has spent the 1990s slowly consolidating the support he attracted in the 1980s through his exciting work

with the likes of flautist Phillip Bent and Desperately Seeking Fusion. This self-produced album is similar in concept, personnel and overall sound to his debut GRP recording Boof!, balancing slinky soul and rap vocal tracks with

both heavy and light funk instrumentals and the odd acoustic piece. The results only hint at Remy's visceral live impact, but his soloing is at once vibrant and tasteful, and his use of the vocoder brings welcome textural variety to an album which, while it might have benefited from a less rigidly funk-based ap-proach, will undoubtedly

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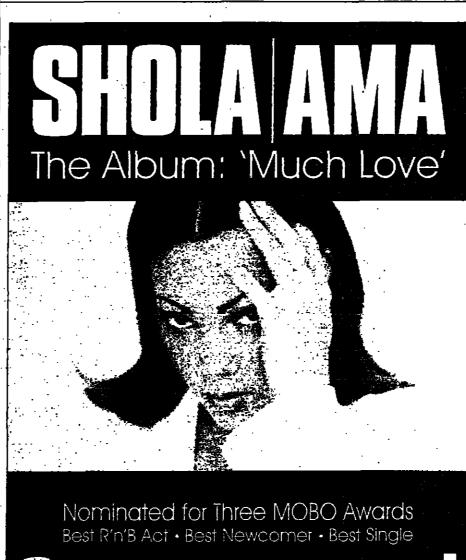
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THUFE SUPPORT: Alan Bales subtly LI LIFE SUPPORT: Also Bases SUDD moving in Simon Gray's play about remorse for marital treachery Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 8003), Mon-Set, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2:30pm

MACKEREL SICY: First play by Dublin-based Hiday Famini less of two days in the life of a laded chanteuse (Ruth Hegenty) and her mother-un-law (Gillian Rane), fending off exiction Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, London W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. ☐ MADDIE: Disappointing musical, desprte Summer Rognile's powerful performance, about fairly demonic possession by a would-be silent

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and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Nov 1.

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Thoughts of Murdo, directed by Philip

Howard. Traverse, Cambridge Street (0131-228 1404) Tonight only, 8pm. Then souring Highlands and lolands before returning

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> morality, haul him down. Charismatic figures present formi-

ful man-hating women. But for Giselle. His dancing is finding a greater stylistic nuance these days, and his Act II the fire of revenge, and her my Twiner, conducting the

Freedman and the music by Michael

Jeffrey. The narrative lyrics attractive-

ly tend to break into patter sones.

seduction with Mrs Cox (Audrey

Palmer) neatly fits action to high trills.

The necessary shifts between "acting"

before the invisible upstage audience

and turning to us are smoothly

managed, and momentum is generally

sustained, though it slows towards the

end of the first half. But what is so

cheering about this musical is its

combination of high spirits from

company and production team, and

material to be genuinely high-spirited

JEREMY KINGSTON

this transformation.

Albrecht is free of the self-

serving edge that some inter-

pretations provide and he is wholehearted in his affection

Yanowsky's dancing lacked pathos, truculence to charm. These lightning changes charged Kean's power, and only when he is tongue-

William Trevitt is the perfect partnering was exemplary. partner for Yoshida. His Zenaida Yanowsky had a well-announced, even allowrougher ride as Myrtha, ing for the innate noisiness of the stage. Gary Avis. though. made a convincing Hilarion.

Wright's well-judged production sits happily on the Hammersmith stage. Antho-

Royal Opera House Orcheslandings were particularly tra, picked up both the bounce and the dramatic ballast of the Adam score most effectively. With sights and sounds like these, it was a shame to see so many empty seats.

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Peter Wright was in the audience on Wednesday night to see Yoshida take the role of

Giselle in his Royal Ballet production. He must have

been delighted by what he saw, for Yoshida is a gift to

music and to choreography.

She is the perfect Giselle. In Act I she is a demure, self-

effacing creature, unconscious of the sensuality of her uninhibited dancing. She rides the

music in the most glorious way, letting it decide how the

dance will unfold in her body. Her musical sensitivity is so heightened that even in mo-

ments of pure mime you can feel the will of the orchestra surging through her gestures. The mad scene, so often a

protracted bout of theatrical clichės, here came alive.

Yoshida lost all her equilibrium, both mental and physical,

right down to her feet - she

was barely able to stand up. In

Act II she became the defini-

tive spirit: elusive, enticing.

ethereal. She phrased her movement with the same light

touch as before but now in-

described a forgiving soul.

stead of a happy heart it

Yoshida is one of these.

Palace Watterd

ITS title prefixed by "The Meteoric Rise And Dramatic Demise Of, this musical was first shown at the King's Head, Islington, where it won the sort of praise that does not often come the way of a British musical. For one thing lyrics never (well, hardly ever) subside into the expected and ordinary. And there are further good things that tot up to a remarkable achievement.

The greatest actor of the Regency period, whose revolutionary naturalism makes him possibly the most important actor of our history, was born a bastard and given an apt name for a man who would excel in Shakespeare. His passionate performances gave audiences a thrill like no others before him. Women fainted at his voice, and so forth, and just as swiftly as he rose to become a cultural and popular icon, so did the British public, in one of its periodical fits of

most essentially, the voice and pres-

# Double

Miyako Yoshida, enticing, ethereal and a gift to music and choreography as Giselle, with her partner William Trevitt



because this is a show that enjoys the fun of rhyming. "Who is that WHAT did Elsa Maxwell, the hostess siren/Assaulting Lord Byron?" comes to mind. I tired of the repeated variations of "the sun's bright child" -from Byron's tribute - but there is an intensely satisfying ballad. In a Moondeclaration of his humanity is also set to music, and to a large extent works in Phillip George's direction can be pleasantly jokey - the Prince Regent never makes an appearance without gorging on a lobster, and the mutual

Dylan Thomas and Truman Capote. . . The doubling in his present oneman play is easier because the Grand Inquisitor of Washington was a secret transvestite. That means that at one point both characters can leap up from what is now a desk in Darkest DC, now an ad hoc radio studio in the Waldorf Astoria to trade insults, without Kingdom having to change his black-and-white frock or rearrange his mop of hair. All the actor has to do is raise or drop his voice an octave, add a bit of feline purr or surly baleful boom.

you might regard Hoover as Maxwell's shadow. In the course of Robert Gillespie's production, she says she prefers to have girls rather than flowers at a party because they are cheaper and more decorative". He opts for azaleas, "because they are less expensive and prettier than girls". She was a generous monster who could not really be accused of being a namedropper, because so many of the names had been created by her in the first place. He was a paranoid, a hypocrite and a destroyer.

had such fundamental differences that

At any rate, so Kingdom and Neil Bartlett's script assures us, adding in the programme that "all the stories in this performance are true"; and I am it is witty, for another it tells a clear light Garden, sung against an Italian experts at surveillance. They both ran inclined to believe them. Maxwell did story, for yet another the music and canzone in the background. Most blacklists and could make be treak refuse King Farrock's invitations, sellexperts at surveillance. They both ran inclined to believe them. Maxwell did surprising of all, Shylock's famous anybody. They both dined at expensive ing him she had nortime for "clovens. monkeys or corrupt gangsters". Hoover was mad enough to believe one should mistrust moist palms and rail men in red ties". And if he did not say "you are a communist if I say so, you are a faggot if I say so, you are a nobody if I say so", that was the message he conveyed to a quaking America.

What are we to conclude from Kingdom's unpretentiously absorbing 75 minutes? Something about ways of compensating for inadequacy, and the uses and misuses of power. But I prefer to remember Elsa's story about Kreisler, who was asked by a pushy host to bring his fiddle to a party. "In that case I shall charge \$5,000," he said. "In that case do not mix with the guests," came the reply. "In that case," said Kreisler, "my fee will be \$1,000."

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#### tied, during the divorce case that ruined him, do we see the man as frighteningly empty. He sustains the long last note of Child of the Sun to a point where one fears for his lungs. Book and lyrics are by Sylvia

dable challenges to an actor but David Burt has the stamina, the looks and, ence to whirl the role from rage to

# trouble



with the mostest, have in common with J. Edgar Hoover, the beast with the leastest? Well, they were both determined to become legends in their lifetimes, and did so. They both were restaurants without having to pay. They both nursed passionate feelings for people of the same sex. And they are both currently and sometimes concur-rently being played by Bob Kingdom, whom you may have seen in the past as.

and lo, you know which is which.

If the two had similarities, they also

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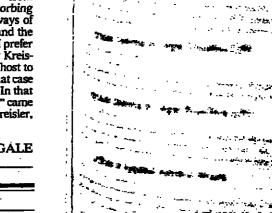
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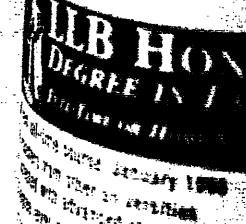
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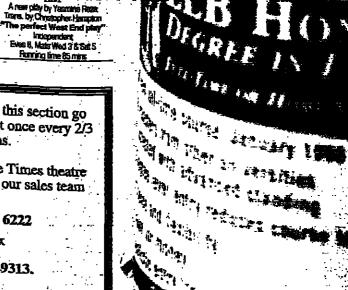












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determination of the appeal.

## Adult prison policy unlawful

Regina v Accrington Youth Court and Others, Ex parte Before Mr Justice Sedley and Mr Justice Astill

|Judgment August 22| The Home Secretary acted unlawfully in 1988 in issuing instructions that allowed young offenders to be held routinely in adult prisons for allocation purposes following sentence. The secretary of state had no power to detain young offenders in adult prisons as a matter of general practice. The instructions violated the principle of section IC(I) of the Criminal Justice Act 1982, as amended, and were in excess of the secretary of state's powers under section (C(2).

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held quashing a warrant of comminal to Risley Prison in respect of the applicant, Claire Louise Flood, and prohibiting the issue of a warrant drafted by Accrington Justices, but refusing a writ of habeas corpus and indicating the terms in which a fresh mittal warrant could be

Section IC of the 1982 Act, as amended by the Criminal Justice

"(1) Subject to section 22(2)(b) of hospital, etc), an offender senfor life shall be detained in a young effender institution unless a direction under this section is in force in

"(2) The secretary of state may offender sentenced to detention in a young offender institution or to custody for life shall be detained in a prison or remand centre instead of a young offender institution, but if he is under 18 at the time of the direction, only for a temporary purpose.

Mr Ian Wise for the applicant; Mr Robin Tam for the governor of Risley Prison and the Home Secretary; the justices did not appear and were not represented. MR JUSTICE SEDI By said the

applicant was 16 and had been SENIERCED by the Accrimaton Youth Court to eight months detention for a number of offences. She had been taken from the court to Risley Prison on the day of sentence. The original committal warrant had been bad on its face but a fresh warrant had been issued back-dated to July 29 in the following

"You the constables of the Lancashire police force are hereby required to convey the accused to sley remand centre and there deliver the accused to the governor thereof, together with this warrant,

into your costody and keep the young offender institution. One of accused for the said period." the criteria provided that "sen-As Mr Tam had accepted, the tenced young offenders may be fresh warrant was bad because of held in a remand centre for its direction to the Risley governor to keep the young offender in his custody for the full eight months of allocation purposes". Since there was nowhere else in

the prison system where allocation of young offenders could take place, there was absolutely no submitted that remand to Risley, even temporarily, was unlawful choice in the matter so that no because it was dictated by an unlawful policy of the Home delegated to the secretary of state's officers. Was that lawful? In the background was a serious

In their Lordship's judgment, the terms of section 1C made it plain that it was not. The secretary of state's power, and therefore that of his designated officers, to depart from the provisions for allocation to a young offender institution was limited to permission from time to time [to] direct that an offender . . . shall be detained in a prison or remand centre... for a temporary purpose" if under 18.

That phraseology made it plain that Parliament was authorising the secretary of state on occasion to place a particular offender under the age of 18 temporarily in a or remand centre

It did not authorise him to make it a general practice to do so. It did not authorise him to give such a direction in relation to offenders generally, and it did not authorise him to keep them in a prison or a remand centre for however long it took, possibly the whole length of the sentence, to make a lawful placement in a young offender netitution.

The practice not only permitted but enjoined by the secretary of state was a violation of the printhe 1982 Act, as amended, and an excess of the powers contained in subsection (2) of that enactment.

Their Lordships recognised the roblems that conclusion created for the prison service. But it had to e recognised that the very change which the amendment of the 1982 Act brought about was spelt out in the 1988 letter, which then went on to lay down a regime which meant that there would in practice be no

MR JUSTICE ASTILL, agreeing, said the policy of the secretary of state was to send all female young offenders sentenced to detention in a young offender institution first to prison. There could not properly be said

to be a discrete decision made about each young female offender. That was a blanket policy, It was contrary to section [C(2) of the 1982 Act and it was accordingly บอใจพโนโ

tion which was to protect often vulnerable young oftenders from the possibility of malign

#### Authority bound by appeal LORD JUSTICE SIMON ever following the inspector's

Regina v Warwickshire County Council, Ex parte Powergen plc

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown, Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Mummery (Judgment July 31) Where a developer had been

refused planning permission for the development of a supermarket because the highway authority, on being consulted by the local plan-ning authority, had considered that the proposed highway works for suitable access to the site would be detrimental to highway safety, and the developer, on appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environ-Secretary of State for the secretary of State fo nighway works were carried out. the highway authority had no option but to co-operate in implementing the planning per-mission by entering into an agreement with the developer suant to section 278 of the Highways Act 1990.

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by the high-way authority, Warwickshire County Council, from the decision ber 21, 1996 whereby he allowed an application by Powergen plc for judicial review of the highway authority's refusal to enter into a section 278 agreement.

In 1994 Powergen applied to Warwick District Council for outline planning permission to develop their site. The proposed development was for a supermarket, parking for 500 cars, petrol filling station and suitable

means of access to the site. The proposed access and highway works were fully detailed and illustrated with drawings which accompanied the application.

The district council, as required, consulted the county council, as local highway authority, about the proposed highway works. The district council refused the application for a number of reasons, one of which was that the proposed highway works would be detrimental to highway safety. Powergen's appeal to the sec-

retary of state was successful and they was granted planning per-mission subject to a number of conditions. To satisfy condition 8 Powergen needed the highway authority to carry out specified highway works which, for practical purposes, also required. Powergen to enter into a section 278 agreement with the highway authority. The latter refused on the ground that the proposed access arrangements were still unsafe. Section 278 of the 1980 Act

"(1) A highway authority may, if they are satisfied that it will be of benefit to the public, enter into an agreement with any person — (a) for the execution by the authority of any works which the authority are or may be authorised to execute ... on terms that the person pays the whole or such part of the cost of the works ... in accordance with the agreement."

Mr Michael Supperstone, QC,

BROWN said that he had reached the clear conclusion that the judge had come to the right conclusion: that following a successful appeal by the developer the relevant highway authority had no option to co-operate in implementing the planning permission by enter-ing into a section 278 agreement. His Lordship saw the appeal as raising a simple question: was it reasonable for a highway au-

thority, whose road safety objec-

tions had been fully heard and rejected on appeal, then, quite inconsistently with the planning inspector's independent judgmer on the issue, nevertheless to maintain its own original view? To his Lordship's mind there could be but one answer to that question: a categoric "No". That answer was arrived at, less by reference to any general question regarding the proper relationship between planning authorities and highway authorities on road safety issues.

than in the light of the following

basic considerations: I The site access and associated highway works, together with the road salery problems they raised were (a) central, indeed critical, to the planning application, and (b) considered in full detail rather then left to be dealt with as reserved matters.

to the secretary of state and not merely by the local planning

2 The planning permission had been granted following an appeal

For those reasons, his Lordship would reject Mr Supperstone's central argument that, even following the grant of planning permission on appeal, the highway authority retained an independent discretion to refuse to enter into the requisite section 278 agreement by which he must mean that they remained reasonably entitled to adhere to and act on their original view that the public would not

benefit from the development

because of the highway dangers it

would create.

His Lordship believed, on the contrary, that the inspector's conclusion on that issue, because of its independence and the process by which it was arrived at. necessarily became the only prop-erly tenable view on the issue of mad safety and thus was determinative of the public benefit.

His Lordship had not over-looked section 57 of the 1990 Act; the basic provision requiring that the development had planning

Accepting, as his Lordship did, that the highway authority's approval or consent was still required before condition 8 could ment was that such approval or consent could not properly be

Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Mummery agreed. Solicitors: Mr David G. Carter. Warwick: Wragge &

### Entitlement to primary finding of misrepresentation

Moore v Inntrepreneur Estates (GL) Ltd and Another A person accused in the course of civil litigation of misrepresentation was entitled to a primary finding by the judge as to whether he had made the misrepresentation, whether he was fraudulent and

Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas) ing an appeal by Mr Martin J.

Central London County Court representation against funtrepreneur Estates (GL) Ltd on issues of liability but dismissed Mr Moore's claim on the ground that he should not in the circumstances have relied on the misrepresent-

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that when a person had been accused of misrepresentation, he or she was entitled to a primary

whether he or she was fraudulent. and why. It was quite unsatisfacsimply on whether the recipient of the representation was credible or

concern about conditions in adult

ffect on young offenders placed

prisons such as Risley and their

there. There was no allocation centre for females in the prison

system which was designated as a young offender institution. There

was no female young offender institution as such in the country.

There were five women's prisons parts of which had been designated young offender institutions, and it was to those that girls

aged from 15 to 17 were or should

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of female young offenders in

The Home Secretary had by letter of December 12, 1988 dele-

gated to governors of female

establishments, the power to de-cide in specified circumstances

that a young offender should be

and giving reasons for all major findings of fact. That did not happen in the instant case and the recorder's finding that the representation was made to the

#### Judge must still give warning In particular, it was still incum-

Where after evidence was heard a judge exercised his discretion that video recording of a complainant's evidence should not be replayed and he read substantially from the transcript of that record-ing instead, he should still warn the jury not to give the complainant's evidence disproportionate weight simply because it was repeated well after other evidence and to bear in mind the

bent upon the judge to remind the jury of the complainant's crossdefendant's own evidence.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Otton, Mr. Justice Blofeld and Judge Beaumont, QC) so held in a reserved judgment on July 9 when giving reasons for allowing the appeal against conviction of two counts of

James Wallace McOuiston. He

LORD JUSTICE OFTON applied R v Rawlings ((1995) 2 Cr App R after the jury had retired, it raised questions which the judge decided could be dealt with not by replaying the video recording of the complainant's evidence, as was the case in Rawlings, but by reading extensively from the transcript of

any conclusion without transparently addressing all the evidence

The court's decision would give effect to the purpose of the legi

Solicitors: Clyde Chappell Botham, Tunstall: Treasury

## Psychologist's duty of care to child

Phelps v Hillingdon London **Borough Council** Before Mr Justice Garland

Judgment September 23 An educational psychologist owed a duty of care, not only to the local authority employing her, but also to the child being assessed, through her parents, on the basis that they would act upon her findings, recommendations and

Accordingly, where the psychologist's failure to diagnose dyslexia amounted to a failure to exercise the degree and skill ex-pected of an ordinarily competent member of the profession, the local authority was vicariously liable for Mr Justice Garland so held in

the Oueen's Bench Division when allowing a claim for damages by the plaintiff, Pamela Helen Phelps, against the defendants. Hillingdon London Borough Council for their alleged negligence at common law in failing to identify her as having dyslexia and failing to take appro-Miss Cherie Booth, QC and Mr

John Greenbourne for the plaintiff; Mr Edward Faulks, QC and Mr Andrew Warnock for the council. MR JUSTICE GARLAND said that the plaintiff, who had a long history of poor performance at

12 in 1985 by the school she was then attending to Miss Diana Melling, an educational psycholo-gist employed by the defendants. Miss Melling reported that, although the plaintiffs verbal skills were below average, she had no specific weaknesses, that she did not need to be in a special

school and that there was an emotional basis to her difficulties. Over the next three years the plaintiff made little or no progress despite remedial teaching pro-vided by the school and she left unable to write down a telephone number correctly or record a simple message. At no time was there any diagnosis of a specific

learning difficulty despite the fact

that dyslexia was already a well Further assessments between

1990 and 1996 found her to be severely dyslexic and it was accepted that, from the nature of her disability, she would have been dyslexic at the age of 12. His Lordship said that X (Minors) v Bedfordshire County Coun-cil (1995) 2 AC 633) had established

that local authorities could be vicariously liable for breaches of the common law duty of care owed by educational psychologists and teachers to a child, through its parents, to whom they gave advice: likewise, a school could owe a common law duty of care to an under-performing pupil. Bolum v Friern Hospital Management Committee ([1957] | WLK 582) defined the standard of care as that of the ordinary skill of a competent psychologist.

Here, confronted with both the great discrepancy between the chronological and predicted reading ages and the unusual difficulty writing, the educational

psychologist made more than an error of judgment in ascribing those to the emotional difficulties noted earlier; she failed to exercise the degree of care and skill to be expected of an ordinarily competent member of her profession.

Given the failure to diagnose the plaintiff's dyslexia, the school was not at fault in the form of the remedial teaching it provided for the plaintiff, judged by the standards of the time. However, the local authority, as the employer. was vicariously liable for the negligent advice given by the educational osychologist. On the facts, it was clear that the

adverse consequences of the plaintiff's dyslexia could have been mitigated by early diagnosis and appropriate treatment. She had responded and was likely to continue to respond to the appropriate support she was now receiving and, as the damage was not too remote, was entitled to recover

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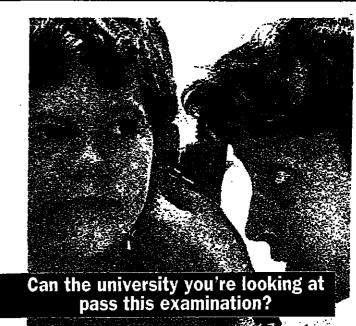
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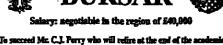
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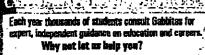
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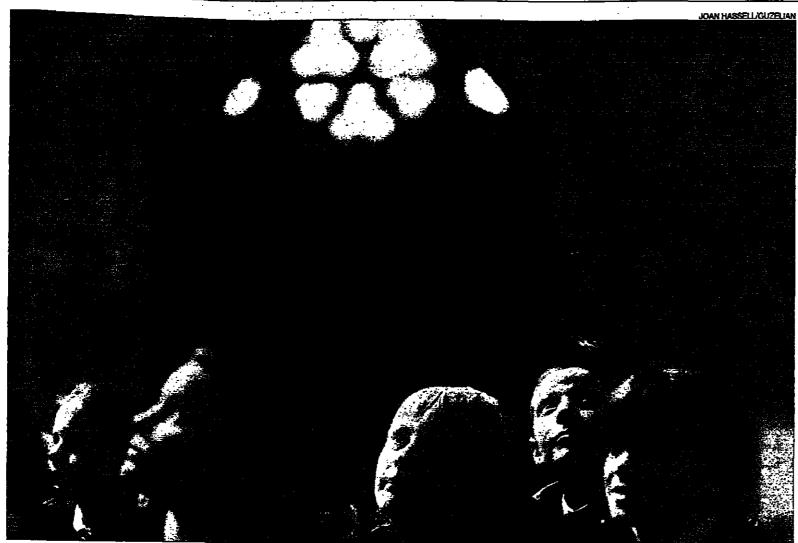
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Schoolchildren in York Minster as part of a scheme to tell them about the diocese. Religious education is rooted in local communities

or too long, religious education in this country has hidden its light under a bushel. Critics who claim that the RE syllabus is a confusing mishmash of conflicting beliefs have been allowed to colour parents' and politicians' views of what is really going on in the classroom.

The creation of a truly nonsectarian publicly funded religious education for all children is one of British education's greatest achievements. There can be no greater demonstration of the need for us to promote this subject as a vehicle for greater toleration and understanding than Lord Tebbit's declaration this week that "multiculturalism is a divisive force".

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In this, the first week-long National RE Festival, more than a half of the country's which every local education schools have run events to ex- authority must, by law, have, plain and celebrate with parents this most multicultural of the discussion and collaborfour significant features in this

First. RE is non-sectarian, non-denominational. Even in Germany, where it flourishes, it remains primarily confessional or denominational in its management, and Roman Catholics and Protestants have not managed to agree on an integrated curriculum. In contrast, Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland have been able to agree on a new.

integrated RE curriculum. in England and Wales the law requires that the teaching and practices of the principal religions, including Christianity, be taught. The non-sectarian character of the enterprise means that though Christianity and other religions are to be taught, no attempt is to be be at the public expense. The

The carrier of new hopes

Religious education is a Utopian whisper that can help to make Britain a moral leader, says John M. Hull

made to proselytise the cause of one religion over another. Secondly, RE in England and Wales is rooted in the local community. The agreed syllabus conferences and the local standing advisory councils on religious education, constitute a unique forum for subjects, a subject that has ation about the curriculum by councillors, the teachers and

the religious bodies. Thirdly, RE is taught by the regular teachers to the normal classes. What influence does the Church have on the selection, training and appointment of RE teachers? None: RE is a completely secularised aspect of the teaching profession in this country.

While parents continue to have the right to withdraw their children, it is not the British practice to divide children into religious groups. If Muslims were taught Islam by Muslim teachers, Christians taught Christianity by Christians, and so on, it would not be long before taxpavers asked why this sectarian RE should

only defence for a publicly funded RE as part of the required curriculum is the fact that RE is for all. The Christian faith, like Islam, has educational gifts for all chil-

Finally, the achievement of RE is that it is both critical and spiritual. In these respects, it represents part of the heritage of education of the European Enlightenment. It is critical that RE seeks to dispel igno rance and superstition and to expose religious belief to the light of rational discussion. It is spiritual in the sense that it is not content with merely factual description but seeks to make a lively and intelligible contribution to the moral and spiritual development of every child. Every subject has a contribution to moral and spiritual development, but there can be little doubt that RE is best equipped to be the flag-

ship of this process. For the future, we look to a time when every primary school will have a properly qualified RE co-ordinator on the staff and to when every secondary school will have theologically qualified staff, because about half of students are taught by teachers with no special training in religious study. We look for a future in which schools will be more sensitive to the needs of the 450,000 Muslim students and to RE to make a significant contribution against the Islamophobia that is such a notable feature of attitudes in the West today.

Te look for Tony Blair's Government and David Blunkett's ministry recognise that RE has the overwhelming support of parents, and is ready to be the principal education ally of the intentions of the Government to re-establish Britain as a moral force in the world today.

RE is the Utopian whisper in the ear of the nation. It is Utopian because in RE, we see writ small the hope of a future in which the religions of the world will abandon their tragic history of competition.

Very significant in this respect is the Statement of Values for schools produced by the National Forum for Values in Education and the

#### **Hugh Thompson** on an unrevealing section of the Ucas form there are a few places we offer because of

ore than 400,000 sixth-formers are grappling with their univ-ersity application (Ucas) forms this term. No part of this vital document is agonised over more than the personal statement of why you want to take a particular degree course. But with students, their tutors and their parents all contributing to this statement, the results are usually conventional.

Typically they read: "I want to do your course because of my growing vocation/interest/realisation of its importance. My A-level studies confirm this interest as does my work experience. At school I am in the football/netball/debating/Scouting club. My outside interests also show that I am a well rounded person, bound to get on with both other students and the course." Each candidate writes around 500 words and this predictable glacier of words goes before the admissions tutors.

Yet surely with so many applicants and so much riding on A-level results, many of these statements can be barely scanned. After all, no one is going to say: "I want to go to university because I hear it's a bloody good three-year party and I can't stand the thought of work." No one is going to say: "I haven't a clue what I want to do with my life but I thought I would do your course because it sounded fun, and anyway I heard the sex ratio was in my favour." But these unwritten reasons are very much why sixth-formers thoose universities and their courses.

Proof of this pudding was the psychology admissions tutor who phoned up an applicant who, on his personal statement of why he wanted to do the course, wrote just one word "Because". The tutor said: "I must see you for an interview. It was the first original statement I had seen all week." Surely the response of someone going blind with the boredom of reading or at least looking at hundreds of bland, Identikit statements.

Every year Rob Young, of Leicester University's archaeology department. goes through 500 Ucas forms. From these he makes 150 place offers, one sixth of which he hopes will come. "The most "

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important criterion is A-level prediction - we require two Bs and a C - but with so many now coming to university we interview so few, so the statement is the only chance we have of getting some kind of personal feel for the student. Of course, many are written to a model formula but even so, something of the personality of the student does creep through."

Dr Young says: "Some are very badly written and some are well schooled. Of course, some are more interesting than others. Many students have travelled extensively, most read science fiction and so on. They may not be perfect but they are useful and at the end of the process

the statement in spite of the exam prediction. The worst part of the applica-tion we read is often that written by the school or college, which often shows a complete ignorance of the student."

Down the road at the university's engineering department, the admissions tutor Ian Jarvis says: "I always read them but they are only really important in borderline cases, or when we are offering a scholarship. A-level predictions are the most important criteria, I have never rejected a student because of a bad personal statement."

But in a very competitive subject like medicine, where "straight A" students can fail to get a place, the personal statement which shows something more than the textbook approach - hands-on work experience with the sick, imaginative and relevant use of a vacation - can easily swing the balance.

Alan Lumb, of Leeds University medi-cal school, says: "We have heard a rumour that because of the importance of the personal statements for medical schools, there is an agency which will write them for £200. We are increasingly sceptical of who is actually writing these statements; certain schools have such a stylised homogenous formula that we tend to discount their pupils' statements. If we are suspicious and smell a rat, then we always have them for interview. With so many good students applying for so few places, these statements are vital as we increasingly view non-academic criteria as being important." Last year only one third of those applying for a medical school got a place and most had the required A levels.

One longstanding history lecturer said: "If you are going to interview the student, the statement is a vital platform, but when it comes to offering places the headmasters' remarks are far more useful. We have all become increasingly suspicious of these statements because we know that schools are tutoring their pupils in what to say. Increasingly, places are, and will be, decided on A-level results."

## Poor teachers need help, not the sack

EVEN THE most successful schools have failing teachers. It is not that difficult to identify them. But before we whistle too many of them down the fast track to dismissal, we would do well to remember the laws of supply and demand. It may take only four weeks to dismiss a teacher who is grossly incompetent, but it takes at least 23

years to "grow" a good one. While it is accepted that there are as many as 2,000 teachers whose lack of competence will justify dismissal. that is less than 0.5 per cent of the whole. There are many more who are performing poorly because they cannot cope. The Association of Teachers and Lecturers has reported that the number of calls to its confidential help-

line is increasing.

How can we identify and help these poor teachers? In a senior school, it could start with a perusal of the public examination results. Poor teachers tend to cluster in departments; they do not often survive solo in a successful one.

Raw results can be as misleading as some league tables, so it is important to look for patterns. It is not only the absolute results which are a giveaway pupils also vote with their feet. You might expect low numbers taking Latin or Greek, but popular subjects such as economics or geogra-phy should be attracting respectably sized groups.

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Quality assurance, a concept widely used in business. is about gathering information from a variety of sources. In the secondary sector, for example, exam results compared with earlier test results can measure expected-versus-achieved outcome.

A more contentious source of information is being used in further and higher education: student assessments of teachers are gaining in popularity. If students are consulted correctly, they can make helpful observations on whether their teacher is good at clarifying difficult areas of Pupils may be

the best

judges of good teaching, says

Anne Lee

the subject, dealing effectively with questions and showing enthusiasm for the subject. The time is right to see whether such methods could be useful in secondary schools.

questionnaires Such should have three facets: they need to ask the student to assess their own commitment to the subject; have some assessable objective questions; and have room for openended comments about

'It is not only results — pupils also tend to vote with their feet'

strengths and areas for improvement. An improvement programme could include coaching, opportunities for role-modelling, updating techniques and materials, and mentoring.
Where a whole department

has gone to sleep, help for the head of department must come from outside the school. There are subject specialists available.

On-the-job coaching requires intense concentration. skill and empathy. Effective observation should be a motivating and enabling experience. There must always be recognition of good performance, and criticism must be followed by a problem-solving discussion.

The teacher who has been warned for poor perfor-mance will feel dreadful and this leads to what could be the most controversial, but the most essential, element in

a retraining package. A mentor who can utilise a mixture of analysis, cognitive behaviourial therapy and counselling can quickly provide astounding results. Local authorities used to employ mentors to help with

the induction of newly quali-fied staff. With funding cuts this role disappeared, but in our increasingly competitive age collaboration is at risk, staff management time is short and we need to put more personal support into

They may work to rekindle motivation by recalling gold-en times from the past, suggest renegotiating a "contract" with a class, or give practical tips on how to reclaim the classroom as the teacher's territory. It may be necessary to spend time ex-

amining traumatic events. Though mentoring may go on for months, it is possible within three consultations to see positive results. Teachers can step back into the classroom optimistic that they can recreate the joyful experiences they once had. Mentoring therapy is not a miracle cure - but some-

times it can seem like it. A mentor can also be the private sounding board to help to identify whether a teacher's career has come to an end and to help the subject to find something new in life.

NONE OF this is a cheap cure, but it is cheaper than training teachers who leave the profession after two or three years, or coping with the results of pupils educated to the lowest level of their

Where do we find these teacher-mentors? The TTA has plenty of ideas for "expert" grades, subject leaders and other "super-teachers". They are also currently recruiting them for students studying for the new Heads' Qualification. Training some teachers to become independent mentors could save many professional lives. The writer is a former head

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**GOLF** 

## Woosnam wisely leaves his clubs to do the talking

AFTER the belligerent way in which Ian Woosnam had talked about being left out of matches in the Ryder Cup, it was beholden upon him to put up or shut up in the first round of the Toyota World Match Play Championship at Went-worth yesterday. He did the

In an echo of his first-round performance in 1987, Woosnam went round in an approximate 68 in the morning against Jesper Parnevik, his Ryder Cup team-mate, to edge into a one-hole lead and then widened it to win on the 15th in the afternoon.

Woosnam was impressive - just as he had been in his first-round match ten years ago, when he was six under par in defeating Sam Randolph 4 and 3. This was a Woosnam that has not been seen much lately. His jaw jutted determinedly and he was obviously interested. His swing had much of that lazy rhythm that is noticeable when he is at its best and, with a funny-looking, green-shafted driver in his hand, he gave the ball a fearful clubbing from the tee. In the main, he

hit it straight, too.
In profile, the driver, which he was using for the first time in competition, looks like a Ping putter. It is centreshafted, designed that way in order to place the end of the shaft as near to the centre of gravity of the club as is legally possible. The aim, Woosnam explained, is to help amateurs hit the ball with draw, though few amateurs, if any, could swing with a shaft as stiff as Woosnam's, which is as stiff

There was a dubious privilege at stake for the winner of this match and that was the chance to play Ernie Els, the defending champion, who is unbeaten after nine matches in this event. Nonetheless.



FIRST-ROUND RESULTS

Woosnam (GB) bt J Pamevik (Swe) F Nobilo (NZ) bt P Mickelson (US) at 38th B Faxon (US) bt D Clarke (GB)

2 and 1 V Singh (Fiji) bt T Watanabe (Japan) 4 and 3

TODAY'S QUARTER-FINAL DRAW (seeds in brackels) 0945 and 1300: E Els (SA) (1) v 0900 and 1315: N Price (2im) (4) :

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v Faston (6). v Faston (6). 0830 and 1345: S Elkington (Aus) (2) v Singh (7).

Woosnam was pleased to have won, pleased to have played so well on a windy day and pleased to have rediscovered his driving.

He was helped by some poor golf by Parnevik in the middle of the afternoon round. Between the 23rd and 29th holes, Parnevik often looked ill-at-ease. He fidgeted more than usual, took time over the ball. On the 23rd, he hit a simple chip from the edge of the green ten feet past the hole. On the 24th, he half-fluffed a chip, his swing looking like an uncertain amateur's, too long



Parnevik: faltered

expecting that he would either thin the ball over the green or stub it. He stubbed it.

On the 26th, his drive started out far to the right before curling back into the semi-rough, then his second flew well left of the green. His brave and skilful chip hit the hole, but it did not matter when Woosnam, who had been in the middle of the fairway from the tee and had hit an authoritative second shot to ten feet, coaxed in the

curling putt.
Brad Faxon did a little to erase the memories of a poor-Ryder Cup when he defeated Darren Clarke 2 and 1 for the right to face Colin Montgomerie this morning. Faxon lost the 1st hole, squared the match on the 10th and was never again behind. "This won't get the Ryder Cup back to the United States," he said 'but it's nice to win any match here. These guys are good."

It may be heretical, politically incorrect or just plain rude to raise the following question, but is it essential for there to be a Japanese competitor in this event? Does the sponsorship depend on it? Would the future of this historic event be endangered if one were not?

because of the lack of success of men from that country in this competition in recent years. The last Japanese competitor to win a match in this event was Naomichi Ozaki, known as Joe, who beat Ben Crenshaw in the first round in 1986. Tsukasa Watanabe maintained the tradition when losing 4 and 3 to Vijay Singh, now plays

Frank Nobilo survived an afternoon fightback by Phil Mickelson before winning at the second extra hole to earn the right to face Nick Price



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FROM JEREMY WHITTLE

CHRIS BOARDMAN overcame a cracked rib to claim the time-trial bronze medal at the world championships here yesterday as Laurent Jalabert confounded all expectations to take the title with only the second victory in the discipline in his long professional career. "A bronze medal is really

only a consolation prize." Boardman, who sustained the injury two weeks ago while making his young son's bunk bed, said, "but, under the circumstances. I'm pleased to have completed a professional job. I'm surprised at the result, though -

I'm surprised that Jalabert

Although fourth at the final checkpoint, at the top of the circuit's only significant climb, the Briton clawed back enough time on the descent towards the San Sebastian seafront to move Tony Rominger, the Swiss veteran, out of the bronze-medal position. "I took it carefully on the

way up the climb because of the headwind and because i knew that there was still a lot of work to be done once over the top," Boardman said. Time-trials aren't over until you cross the finishing line." While the wheels literally came off Alex Züile's challenge only 500 metres from the

start ramp, as technical prob-

lems forced the defending champion to stop and seek mechanical assistance, Jalabert, Boardman and Sergei Goutchar, of Ukraine, set the early pace on the undulating route. However, Gontchar, who led at each of the three checkpoints, faded in the final ten kilometres and, as Jalabert increased his effort,

slipped away. I'm very surprised to have von," Jalabart, 28, from the Tarn region of southwest France, said. The world's topranked rider, his expected challenges for victory in the Tour de France and Tour of Spain this year had ended in disappointment. "I felt very relaxed today because there

his chances of the gold medal

was nothing to lose," he said. "I wasn't one of the favourites so the most I was hoping for was the bronze medal.

"I knew that it was a tricky mute and that it was important to keep something in reserve for the finish. Now I hope that I can recover well and ride strongly in Sunday's road race."

David Millar, newly-turned professional and Boardman's compatriot, finished in a respeciable twentieth place. "It was tough with the wind," Millar, 20, said, "but it was good experience and I held hack a little so that I can work hard for the team's chances on

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#### IN BRIEF

### Clash of dates threatens meeting

THE 1998 European athletics championships in Budapest may have to be put back because of a clash of dates with the Hungarian Formula One motor racing grand prix (David Powell writes).

Although the European championships were fixed in the calendar long ago, the International Motor Sport Federation announced on Wednesday that the grand prix would be staged in the city on August 16, the day before the athletics are due to

#### Record broken

Swimming: Michael Klim broke the world 100 metres butterfly record at the Australian national championships in Brisbane yesterday. Klim. 20, recorded a time of 52 15sec to better the previous record, set by Denis Pankratov, of Russia, by 0.12sec.

#### No change

Motor racing: Jackie Stewart yesterday announced an un-changed line-up for his Fordpowered Formula One team next season. Rubens Barrichello, of Brazil will again be partnered by Jan Magnussen, of Denmark, in

#### Petchey beaten

Tennis: Mark Petchey, of Great Britain, was defeated 6-3, 6-2 in his second-round match by Henrik Holm, of Sweden, in the Challenger tournament in Arizona, but Sam Smith, the British No I, beat Jessica Steck, of South Africa, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 in the women's event.

#### Court out

Cricket: Inzamam-ul-Haq, the Pakistan batsman, has been ordered to return to a court in Toronto on charges that he assaulted a spectator during a match in the Sahara Cup last

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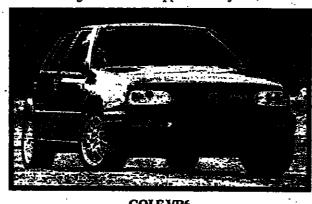
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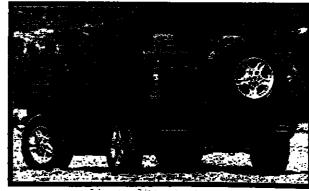


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CHANGING TIMES

**RACING:** HORSES ESCAPE INJURY IN CUMANI STABLE FIRE



Firemen fight to contain the blaze at Luca Cumani's Bedford House stables in Newmarket yesterday

## Jockey Club gives priority to doping investigation

By RICHARD EVANS AND CHRIS McGrath

THE hunt for those responsible for doping Avanti Express and Lively Knight is being led by a former detective chief superintendent whose team includes former Special Branch officers.

In recent years, the composition of the Jockey Club security department has been radically overhauled with retired senior policemen being brought in to work alongside racing intelligence officers and considerable investigative resources have been devoted to the inquiry aimed at tracking down those responsible for the latest skulduggery.

However, more than six months have passed since the two National Hunt horses were administered Acetylpromazine (ACP), a fast-acting tranquilliser, and there must be a danger that the trail is growing cold. Even if a suspect is found, the security department has to work painstakingly to obtain evidence which is admissible and will

satisfy the Crown Prosecution

When Bravefoot and Norwich were victims of dopers at the 1990 St Leger meeting, the security department identified a likely culprit but the Crown Prosecution Service was unable to proceed because of lack of suitable evidence. Lessons have been learnt from that episode.

Sir Thomas Pilkington, se-

RICHARD EVANS Nap: WHITECHAPEL

(2.00 Ascot) Next best: Ghalib (4.15 Ascot)

nior steward of the Jockey Club, has been kept fully briefed on the latest dopings and yesterday he stressed that every effort was being made to catch those responsible. "I would like to emphasise the steps that are being taken. The Jockey Club is doing its utmost to track these people down. The concern we feel is

considerable and this investigation is very much top priority. Once you get something like this it destroys confidence," he said.

While this episode must have an adverse effect on the sport's image, happily there is no suggestion of any skulduggery to the blaze which caused tens of thousands of pounds worth of damage to the historic core of Luca Cumani's Bedford House stables in Newmarket yesterday. No-body was hurt, on two legs or four — ensuring that the trainer's principal sentiment last night, on his return from the sales in Ireland, was one of relief.

He said: "It's very sad, but, luckily, it started in the daytime and the fire officers were able to get it under control

Nonetheless, the Italian will be greeted by a melancholy sight at first light this morning, the elegant 19th century flint courtyard exposing its charred rafters to the sky. Its usual residents are the yard's humble hacks and ponies, of

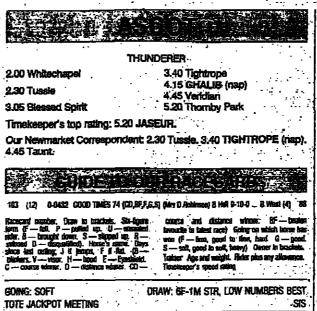
which only two apiece were in their box as second lot pulled out yesterday morning. string of 150, housed in separate barns, was never in any

peril.

Greg Chung, Cumani's assistant trainer, said: "Fortunately I just left a barn in the main yard when I spotted smoke coming out of the roof on the old courtyard, and the lads quickly took the hacks and ponies out of harm's Chung valiantly took a fire

extinguisher up a ladder, but the heat was already too intense. It took eight fire engines an hour to control the blaze. Senior officers believe there to be no suspicious circumstances surrounding its origin in a disused hayloft.

While other trainers have faced devastation - Jim Old last year and Howard Johnson only days ago - Cumani has been relatively lucky. The Italian's gravest concern must have been that the old courtyard adjoins Bedford House



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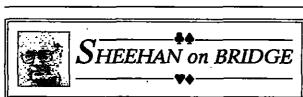
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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

To conclude our Refresher series on play at trick one we will look at a hand first reported by Tim Bourke, the Australian international player and writer.

Dealer West **◆**A75 ¥732 +KQJ4 4983 +KQJ1082 ... N ▼Q 10 5 W. E ·1083 s +943 YAK9864 **+A64** 

25 (1) Pass Pass Ali Pass 3 H

(1) weak, 6-10 points, six-card spade suit. This hand was played in a teams match. The first declarer won the ace of spades and cashed the ace and king of hearts, hoping for a 2-2 break. When that did not materialise he had no entry to dummy to cash the diamonds. He went two down, losing two spades. two clubs and a trump.

The declarer in the other room saw a much better line, and one that I don't think that I have seen in print before. He ducked the first spade. It looked to West that his partner had 64 doubleton in spades, so to remove an entry to dummy he continued with the queen of

Declarer played dummy's ace and East ruffed, no doubt giving it little thought or perhaps imagining that his partner had surprised declarer by having a seven-card suit on this occasion. East switched to a club and declarer won with the ace. He cashed the ace and king of hearts which now drew the opponents' trumps and thus established the seven as an entry to dummy. He cashed the ace of diamonds and crossed with a trump to discard his three black-suit losers on dummy's three diamond winners. He made eleven tricks in all.

After the event, it is easy to say that East should not have ruffed the ace of spades. Then declarer would not have been able to get at dummy's

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32 Oc3 33 Nxc3 34 R=\* ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HALIOTIS a. A small service lift b. Sea shells c. Bad breath

GLACON a. A boiled sweet b. Chestnut cream c: An ice floe

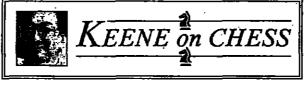
a. A flint knife b. A musical dance form c. Ornamental script HAMBERGITE a. A crystal

**GRAVETTE** 

grade transport and ward

 However, White found a neat geometric combination which won b. A Hanseatic seaman c. Coliar of a draught horse quickly. What did he play? Answers on page 46

35 Ra6



38 Ke2

40 Kd3

Rc6

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Veteran's victory

By RAYMOND KEENE

Viktor Korchnoi, the veteran of two official world championship matches, clinched his match against Etienne Bacrot, the world's youngest grandmaster, by the convincing score of four points to two. What ultimately told in Korchnoi's favour was his immense skill in the endgame. in the final game of the match today, Bacrot is squeezed and his hopes of holding Korchnoi

to a tie were annihilated. White: Viktor Korchnoi Black: Etienne Bacrot Albert, France 1997

**English Opening** 2 g3 3 d4 4 Bd2 Bid2-5 Oxd2 6 Nc3 Nio Nbd7 9 Nge2 10 0-0 аб 55 avabs Nos 

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After 51 ... Ke7 52 Rxb8 f2 53 Rb7+ Kf8 54 Nd6 f1Q 55 Rf7+ Oxf7 56 Nxf7 Nc5 57 Ng5 White wins easily.

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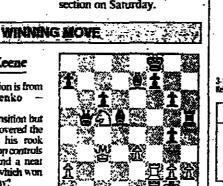
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By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Skotorenko -Vladimirov, USSR 1961. White has an active position but Black appears to have covered the major weak spots, as his rook controls h8 and his bishop controls

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THUNDERER 1.50 Little Miss Rocker, 2.20 Kings Minstrel, 2.55 Four From Home, 3.30 Royal Vacation, 4.05 Cottage Prince, 4.35 Marble Man, 5.10 Lunar Dancer, GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) 1.50 SHAP JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £2,248: 2m 1f) (3 runners) 1 01 DISSINGTON TIMES 39 (F) W McKeaner 11-5 A Dobbie 2 331 REAL RIPE 15 (F) W Malaciper 11-5 F Lundry (S) 3 LITTLE MISS BOCKERF 22F A Dollers 10-7 D Parter 6-5 Real Fire, 11-8 Dissington Trans, 3-1 Little Miss Roctor 2.20 DURDAR NOVICES CHASE (£3,453: 2m 4f 110yd) (6) | AP-2 ANOTHER MEADOW 48 J Date 9-10-12 | B Storey 2 OF- GOLD BTS 149 (N 5 Rebards 6-10-12 | A Dobble 3 R-12 ROBE MESTERN. 19 (D, 67 D Lamb 7-10-12 | J Burlos MESTERN. 19 (D, 67 D Lamb 7-10-12 | A P MeSTERN 6 BLAGE 682 J Wester 7-10-12 | A P MeSTERN 6 BLAGE 682 J Wester 7-10-12 | A P MeSTERN 6 BLAGE 682 J Wester 7-10-12 | A P MeSTERN 6 BLAGE 682 J Wester 7-10-12 | S Toylor (5) C TITAN THAI 1078 N Manual 9-10-12 | S Toylor (5) 11-10 Kings Minsteal, 7-4 Gold Bits, 8-1 Strong Blade, 12-7 others. 2.55 HARBABY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,262: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

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TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

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2.30: Whatever the merits of the individual horses, a televised race consisting of seven umraced runners is hardly t compelling viewing — and begs questions of both the BBC and Ascot. With the soft ground making predictions even more difficult, punters? should give this race a miss. Paul Cole's juveniles are usu-ally wound up sufficiently for their debut and Courageous, a 150,000gns Generous colt, hasbeen working nicely. How-ever, Michael Bell has his string in form and Tussle, speedily bred on the dam's . side, is just preferred.

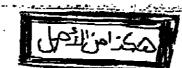
3.05 Northern Blessing looked decidedly useful on her belated debut at Nottingham but may lack the experience in this class. Despite being by
Gone West, Palisade races as:
though easy ground will suit
along with today's longer
trip. Sharpo's offspring love,
the mud and Jafr looks to hold decent claims after finishing fourth to the useful One So Wonderful at Sandown last time out.

BBC2

3.40: Sir Mark Prescott is wasting no time running Tightrope after his easy nursery success over a mile at Leicester on Sunday. The Alzao colt's proven stamina should be an advantage over this stiff seven furlongs and he can shrug aside a 51b penalty.
Demolition Jo. Pay On Red and Who Nose have form chances, but the biggest threat may come from Water Force. who should relish this ground.

RICHARD EVANS





By David Maddock

ROY EVANS, the Liverpool manager, will keep a watchful eye on Italy this weekend, but not necessarily towards the international in Rome. Evans has a desperate need for a centre half and his search has taken him to AS Roma, of Serie A.

He has expressed an interest in Fabio Petruzzi, a former Italy centre half, and is ready to open negotiations. Petruzzi will be a free agent when his contract expires in the summer and Roma are hoping to obtain a fee for him before then Should Liverpool be successful. they will pay in the region of £2 million for the 26-year-old.

Evans has been searching

Europe for a commanding centre half. He made an inquiry last week after watching Jaap Stam, 25, play superbly for PSV Eindhoven in Barcelona, but the Dutch club want to retain the Holland international until their European Cup Champions' League fate is

Micky Adams is the new manager of Swansea City, after the departure this week of Jan Molby. Adams, dismissed by Fulham after guiding them to promotion from the Nationwide League third division. will have Alañ Cork as his

Adams, who has a 2½-year contract, admitted that he felt sorry for his predecessor. "I appreciate the work Jan has put in, but we have been employed to do the job now and we aim to give it our best

Les Ferdinand will enter hospitai this afternoon for an operation on the stomach injury that forced him to withdraw from the England squad which travelled to Italy for the World Cup qualifier. Totten-ham Hotspur, the player's club, could, under the Football Association's compensation rules, claim up to £250,000 for his absence. Ferdinand, who could be out for ten weeks, aggravated the injury training with England and Totten-ham are entitled to receive the player's wages, thought to be in the

region of £20,000 per week.
Ray Wilkins is about to make his first signing as Fulham manager after agreeing a nominal fee with Sunderland for Paul Bracewell, the former England midfield player.

Jamie Pollock has been placed on the transfer list after Colin Todd, the Bolton Wanderers manager, agreed the midfield player could leave. "He hasn't asked for a transfer, but I will keep him Todd said.

### Italians identify Manchester United striker as pivotal figure

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# Sheringham turns down the heat



on an England forward with a dual role in Rome

n the midday heat of Rome, the coolest man is Teddy Sheringham. The Italians regard him as pivotal and England will need him to set an example in composure to contrast with the collective combustion — and its danger of red cards — of Gascoigne, Wright, Ince or Batty. "Hopefully, 11l be playing," Sheringham said, laconically, "so, the property of the property of the playing of the p

looking forward to it."
The Italians guarantee it.
Another prime minister may have fallen, they may still be mourning the deaths caused by the recent earth tremors in Umbria, yet football, calcio, consumes them.

I'll be a target of some kind. I am

Sheringham became a marked man after the Tournoi de France in June, where Alessandro Costa-curta, the AC Milan defender, acknowledged his part in En-gland's first victory over Italy for 20 years: "Now to Roma, very different," the Italian said. Nine days ago, when Sheringham scored for Manchester United against Juventus, Angelo Peruzzi, the goalkeeper. said: "We'll have to keep an eye on Sheringham."

Sheringham suspects that there will be more than an eye. "It's a different kind of physical action," he said. "It's very different, very clever, not like a straightforward kick in the English game. At corners, they stand with their hands literally around you — how it's not a foul beats me."

Sheringham relishes the cerebral edge to international play, recognises perhaps that, like Glenn Hoddle, his style is better suited to the rhythms, the subtleties and even the wiles employed to put a man off his game.

As he sat with us in Rome, the



Sheringham gave an insight into the methods used by international defenders in Rome yesterday

Olympic Stadium to be? Fairly physical.

The worst he's experienced? Worse than playing Wimbledon,

do you reckon? And so it went on. He would not say if or how he gets even. He would say that he may have careers they've only

per, and must have got away with it. There was amusement, concealment, in the blue eyes.

Yet Sheringham, 31, insisted that he is, in some ways, the new boy. The lads at Manchester United have seen a lot more [European play than I have and in their seen the good

what was coming next. Will Mr Cool be able to control the fires, the intemperate violations, of Wright, Gascoigne and Co?

This intelligent Englishman ap-preciates that Saturday night might be won by character as much as skill, temperament as much as talent, so he kne needed teasing out. How physical retaliated, may have lost his tem- times." He paused, anticipating importance of the question, the will be laughing.

need within England's ranks for someone to control and suppress the dangers before a crowd of 83,000, barely 7,000 of whom will

be on England's side.

"Life's about big games," he said.

"The atmosphere here is something you'll want to cherish, to remember for the rest of your life." Yes, but will he spread his labour, providing the link between mid-field and attack, being watchful and industrious when, for example, Demetrio Albertini breaks from the Italy midfield, and be able to soothe the errant Wright?

"If selected, I'll have enough to worry about myself," he said, "but the light, thing too, need is to be

the last thing you need is to be down to ten men. He [Hoddle] has talked about this and I am sure they II be more to come. If you do go down to ten, they'll make it pay,

Yet there was not the element of fear, not yet. This is not a classic

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the rest of your life'

Italy team, even if under Cesare Maldini it has not yet conceded a goal in five World Cup qualifying matches. England. Sheringham reasoned will need self-control in the extreme. "Georgia [away] was the most professional performance I have been involved in and it is going to be more demanding against the Italians because they have got a little bit more than

Georgians, "he said.

In the Roman court, the crossfire has begun. Paul Ince and Dino Baggio have exchanged threat and counterthreat in print. The English are searching for the Italian Achil-les heel and vice versa. Both camps pretend everyone is as cool, as mature and as ready as Teddy

England have the benefit of points in the bag and Italy cannot get out of their mind the failure at the European championship or the judgment of Arrigo Sacchi, the coach, who lost his job. 'Our concentration wasn't right and I did nothing to correct this," he said. "Our soccer was second to none, yet as far as our mental attitude goes, we were inferior." More of that in the Olympic

### Camberley exceed all expectations in cups

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Non-League Football by Walter Gammie

OF THE surprise packages in the FA Cup so far this season, few clubs can have started out with such humble expectations as Camberley Town.

True, Camberley are in the Isthmian League, but their seventh place in the 17-team third division last season represented riches. They have scraped along in the league's lower reaches for season after season, punctuated with cri-ses that would have forced many a less resilient club to give up

So, to have seen off Pagham, of the Sussex County League, and Banstead Athletic and Grays Ath-letic, of the Isthmian League second and first divisions, in three successive FA Cup ties is a triumph indeed. It is the first time since 1978 that Camberley have reached the third qualifying round. They have never been farther and on Sunday they travel to St Leonards Stameroft, the Dr Martens League premier division club.

However, Camberley's cup credits this season do not end there Last Saturday, they beat Portfield, of the Sussex County League, in the second qualifying round of the FA Carlsberg Vase and, most notably, they have also beaten Kingstonian, of the premier division, in the Isthmian League Cup.

Dave Slater, the Camberley sec-retary, said: "We get about 80 people to watch our matches, 20 or 30 brought by opposing teams, 20 or so officials and visiting officials. which leaves about 20 or 30 paying through the gate. Camberley isn't a big football town. It has a very active and successful rugby club that is just down the road from us. There is more of a rugby clientele in the area."

The club's only brush with fame was Rick Wakeman's spell as chairman. The mantle has now fallen on Ian Waldren, who runs a tree landscaping business. Bar takings and hiring out the club-house enable Camberley to meet the club's running costs. Players have been given nothing more

than petrol expenses.

This might limit the ambitions of Danny McGranaghan, the manager, who is in his third season, but it has helped to generate a formidable spirit. "The players have all been very loyal to the club," Slater said. "There is a set of seven or eight of them who have been with us for five or six ly. They are all friends."

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### A TIMES NEWSPAPERS COMPETITION

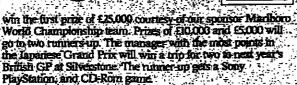
## Changes at the top after Luxembourg race

With only two grands prix left in our Formula One competition the Luxembourg Grand Prix has produced two joint leaders in the race for our £25,000 prize. D Shepherd of Montrose, Angus (Raith Rovers FC) and A Wood of Bromley, Kent (Wood Racing), both scored 1,406 points to share the lead with 11.252 points each. M Price of Stafford (Mercury) wins a trip for two to next year's British GP. S Roberts of Hollywell. Flintshire (Marchandon) gets a Sony Playstation and CD-Rom game. They were selected at random from those managers who scored 1,504 points at Luxembourg. All four winners scored the maximum 600 bonus points available for that race.

Japanese Grand Prix will appear next Friday. THE PRIZES The manager with the best team soore after the European Grand Prix on October 26, will

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Wednesday's late results

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☐ Heavy rain caused yesterday's meeting at York to be called off. However, the track's office manager, Phillip Smedley, remains hopeful that tomorrow's valuable meeting will go ahead. He said: "It is only drizzling now and should improve.".

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**TENNIS** 

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## Henman steers clear of calamity

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE best thing about Tim Henman's performance in defeating Jan Apell here yesterday was that he came through in straight sets. Apell, of Sweden, presented the sort of obstacle that has previously upended the Great Britain No 2 like a crudely out-stretched foot. In that context, Henman's 6-3, 6-3 triumph in the second round of the CA Trophy was as welcome as it was ultimately secure.

Although his opponent rarethreatened, Henman performed a few notches below the standard that he raised in dismissing Felix Mantilla, the No 7 seed. 24 hours earlier. Henman is vulnerable when confronted by a player with nothing to lose and Apell. world ranked No 727 after 13 months on the sidelines with shoulder injuries, certainly fitted that category.

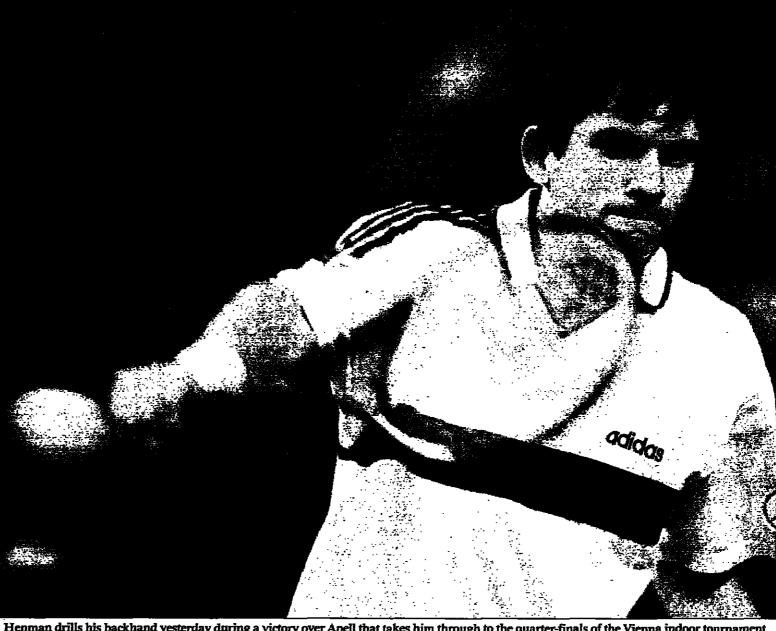
Nevertheless, after his dismissal of Mantilla, this was progress of a sort if measured against Henman's hangoverstyle performances in the wake of some notable victories. He succumbed tamely in the Wimbledon quarter-finals after routing Richard Krajicek, the defending champion. He was then felled by Wayne Ferreira after sinking Thomas Muster, seeded No 6, in the US Open. In between, he had capitulated to Laurent Leblanc, the world No 885, in

The portents were ominous, therefore. Apell's opening-round defeat of Jan Siemerink, the beaten finalist here last year, offered him plenty of encouragement going into the contest. Indeed, it was he who fashioned the first break point midway through the opening set, prompting Henman to ace his way out of danger. As if stung by the threat, Henman captured Apell's next service game before closing out the set with an emphatic overhead smash. The act marked an inappropriate conclusion to a set that could have gone

Mantilla, Henman broke his opponent early in the second set before immediately squandering the advantage. How-ever, Apell's lack of match practice eventually engulfed him and a pair of double faults handed Henman the initiative at 3-2. With unforced errors now flowing liberally from the Swede's racket, particularly on the forehand wing, Henman was able to coast home in 74 minutes. He now meets Karol Kucera, of Slovakia, whom he beat for the loss of five games in Basle last week, for a place in the semifinals.

As with his joust against

Henman later maintained that he was always in control. This was a good opportunity and I wasn't going to waste it," he said. "He [Apell] was



Henman drills his backhand yesterday during a victory over Apell that takes him through to the quarter-finals of the Vienna indoor tournament

entitled to have his chances, but I felt very comfortable. I thought it was another good performance; fairly straightforward on a fast indoor

If Henman retains plenty of scope to improve his powers of concentration, he has taken further steps to refine his physique. He has recruited Tim Newenham, with whom he has occasionally worked in

the past, to a full-time post as his personal fitness trainer. Previously employed in a similar capacity at the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA). Newenham, 37, is to travel with Henman in an effort to increase his bulk, strength and overall fitness.

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Newenham competed in the Commonwealth Games and went on to coach the British javelin squad before joining the LTA two years ago. He believes that Henman, 23, is capable of considerable physical development. Tim is deceptively strong for his size, but he is definitely young enough to put on bulk, Newenham said.

"Among other things, we are working on cutting down his recovery time between matches. It will require quite a lot of intense work with the medicine ball, weight-training and sprinting exercises - all adapted for the demands of

The programme is designed reach fruition when Henman commences his 1998 campaign in Doha in January. Henman is 6ft lin, but weighs little more than 11st. He is to increase his calorie intake as part of a diet requiring him to eat the equivalent of four meals a day. "Everything is in balance at the moment," Newenham said, "but by eating more, you have more to work with.

Meanwhile, Greg Rusedski, the Britain No I, was due on court last night to face Magnus Norman for a place in the quarter-finals. Should the two Britons advance to the semifinals, they will confront each

she often has to fight opponents who outweigh her by be excused for failing to get a medal.

Beltran, of Cuba, on a hold down, she came bravely back through the repechage, out-witting Sandra Koeppen, of Germany, who conceded a series of penalty points for

Britain's two inexperienced light-heavyweights, Chloe Cowan, from Tyne and Wear, and Keith Davis, from London, had early defeats.

**CRICKET** 

### Saqlain's efforts fall short

THE first Test between Paki-

Resuming on 139 for one, South Africa struggled for runs against the off spin of Saqlain Mushtaq, who has taken five for 126 from 59 overs, including an unchanged 33-over spell from haif an hour before lunch until the close. It is the second time that Saglain has taken five wickets in an innings and took his tally to 43 wickets in ten

Saglain seemed to have reached a landmark when he had Dave Richardson stumped, but it was ruled a no-ball. Richardson, who was on three, went on to make 30 not out. Any slight hopes that Pakistan had of establishing a winning position disappeared with an unfinished seventh-wicket partnership of 77 between Richardson and Shaun

South Africa vice-captain, had scored a painstaking 98 before falling to Saglain, caught at second slip by Ijaz. The innings was in total contrast to the World Cup record score of 188 that he made on the same ground last year. He batted for 427 minutes, faced 344 balls and scored only seven

RUGBY UNION: BATH PUT ENGLAND WING UP FOR SALE MIDWAY THROUGH CONTRACT

## Sleightholme left out in cold

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ALTHOUGH Bath will not confirm their Heineken Cup match tomorrow until a few hours before kick-off, there is the intriguing possibility of Jon Sleightholme parading his wares on the wing to potential buyers. The England wing has been told that he has no long-term future at Bath and must now take whatever opportunities he can to set out his stall.

Sleightholme, 25 and capped in 12 successive internationals before losing his place for the match against Australia in July, still has 18 months of a three-year contract to run, but his development has not persuaded Bath to keep him when they might reasonably hope for a sixfigure transfer fee. If he is to revive his international career, Sleightholme needs

regular first-team play.

Even though Clive Woodward, who watched Newcastle's five-try dismissal of Northampton on Wednesday, acknowledges that there is a shortage of too-class. wings in England, the England coach still omitted Sleightholme from his elite squad. For their part, Bath are still looking overseas: they have three international wings - Adedayo Adebayo, Icuan Evans and Simon Geoghegan - on their books (though the playing future of the last of those must be in doubt because of his persistent foot injury) and they hope to

wing, to their stable next year. Bath, with Richmond, are also contem-

plating the loss of their Argentina Premiership resumes on October 18. German Llanes will be a replacement against Pontypridd and Federico Mendez, after recovering from a shoulder injury, will play in Bath's second XV tomorrow.

"There is a degree of flexibility between us and the players," Andy Robinson, the Bath director of rugby, said. "A lot

English rugby is set to return to terrestrial television with an hour-long programme of highlights from the Allied Dunbar Premiership on Channel 5. Chrysalis, the production company that bought the rights from BSkyB, hopes the first show will go out on October 26. depends upon the club's needs." John

Kingston, the Richmond director of rugby, admits that clubs employing overseas players will need to make provision for their national requirements. as opposed to five nations' players, where Kingston expects greater uniformity of fixture-making.

"I would never stop players appearing for their country," Kingston said. There is a strong possibility that the club's requirements on October 18 against

add Brian Lima, the Western Samoa Harlequins will come first, when Argentina are scheduled to play Romania, probably the weakest opponents in a tournament that also involves France, who earlier this week picked three English-based players in their squad, and

> The Ouinnell brothers from Richmond, Scott and Craig, have been named in the Wales squad from which the teams to play Tonga on November 25 and New Zealand four days later will be selected. Scott Quinnell showed his recovery from a groin injury during his club's 15-9 defeat by Saracens on Wednesday night, while Richmond and the Welsh Rugby Union hope that differences that have existed over training schedules have been

Ieuan Evans, who has been struggling with a groin injury, has been omitted from the squad, although Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, emphasised that fitness rather than form was the criteria. The same is true of the injured Llanelli pair, same is true of the injured Llanelli pair, Wayne Proctor and Nigel Davies. WALES SOUAD: Backs: M Back (Swansee). G Evens (Llanell), N Walker (Cardif), G Thomas (Bridgend), D James (Porthyridd), A Beteman (Richmond), S (Bible (Swansee), L Davies (Cardif), M Boobyer (Llanell), A Thomas (Swansee), N Jenkins (Porthyridd), B Hayward (Ebbw Vale), R Howley (Cardif), P John (Portyprodd), A Moore (Rehmond) Forwards: C Loader (Swansee), I Buckett (Swansee), A Lewis (Cardif), D Young (Cardif), L Mustoe (Cardif), B Milliams (Rehmond), J Humphreys (Cardif), R McCarde (Llanell), G Jenkins (Swansee), Garath (Lewistyn (Harlaques), M Woyle (Llanell), G Stephens (Badgend), S Moore (Moseley), S Williams (Cardif), R Appleyand (Swansee), S Quinnell (Richmond), C Wyati (Llanelli).

### HOCKEY

## Conway makes timely return

By Sydney Friskin who is not available, in sup-

port of Billson and Wiles in the

with a 3-2 away victory against

Guildford last week, have

called on Lance, an England

NICK CONWAY, who had been coaching in the United States during the summer, has mier division clubs face a double bill in the National League this weekend. Teddington have tough away matches, against Hounslow tomorrow and Southgate on Sunday, and Conway's return

Under-18 player, to stabilise their defence. Owen Jones, who was injured last week, is out of action and Kirkland is is timely. He replaces Hauck, still unavailable. However,

front line.

Welsh pursue entry ANNE ELLIS, the president of has said that although it would the Welsh Hockey Union, is pose logistical problems, another application would be

nothing if not persistent (Cathy Harris writes). After the union's request for the top Welsh women's clubs to be admitted to the English national league was rejected last season, she says that she intends to raise the subject again.

The concept has already proved successful for the men's teams from Whitchurch and Swansea, which compete in the premier division of the West of England League. If it works for the men, Ellis argues, it can work for the women. The English Hockey Association

carefully considered. Ellis, a former Great Britain captain and coach, is dedicated to arresting Wales's plum-meting world ranking as well as seeing more players represent Britain. "If we aren't in a competitive situation, we'll never make it." she said. "Our players have to be tested every week, not two or three times a season."

COMMONWEALTH GAMES DRAW: Women: Pool A: Australia, India, Jamaca, Scotland, Malaysia, Zimbabwe Pool B: England, Walee, New Zealand, South Altica, Canada, Singapore

Hounslow have Gillmon. Whalley and Liddar, their fast front-runners, available. an ankle during training and

took no part in Cannock's 2-1 victory last week against Old Loughtonians, is expected to be out of action for the next Despite the absence of the

injured Parnham and Johnson, who is being rested after the junior World Cup. Cannock claim to be well covered for their visit to Beeston and the home match on Sunday against Doncaster.

East Grinstead, who entertain Southgate and face an away match against Hounslow, are at full strength, with Gibson and Bhatti in attack supported by McConnell and Ortleib, the South Africans. Reading, the title-holders, expect to have Pearn, the England Under-21 centre forward, back in the squad.

Reading have recruited Tobin Seagal, a goalkeeper, Canada. John from MacKinon, another Canada international, has joined Old Loughtonians.

#### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

### Lowe resumes in management role

By Christopher Irvine

THERE were times during Great Britain's ill-started tour of New Zealand last year when Phil Lowe must have felt ike resigning from the man-iger's job, but his reappointnent for the three-match British Gas series against the Australian Super League team ext month came as no

Lowe, 47. has a new coach-ng team in Andy Goodway. haun McRae and Daryl 'owell. Alongside Phil Larder. Goodway's predecessor as head oach, Lowe's man-managenent skills helped foster a oung, committed team in New lealand, a team that was badly at down by the decision of the highy Football League (RFL) to ecall home a dozen players arly in the tour. Lowe was itterly critical of the RFL's. cance, but the challenge of eating Australia in a series, eyond him in his international laying days, has hured the full Kingston Rovers director to one more effort.

I expect there will be some

ew faces in the squad this me, but, given my experience managing international ams. I should be able to help them blend into the squad. I believe we can select a Test team capable of beating Australia," Lowe said.

"Nobody can deny that we lack the depth of players available to the Aussies, but if we dedicate ourselves to the task, then we can go all the way, I worked with Andy Goodway when he was Phil Larder's assistant during the 1995 World Cup and I have great respect for his ability."

If Britain have an advantage, it is that a large part of the Australia side will be occupied with the world club championship up until two weeks before the first international, at Wembley on November 1. Denis Betts, whose last appearance it will be for Auckland Warriors should they lose their semi-final at Brisbane Broncos today, is Britain's only player still in-

volved in the tournament. With injuries to Shaun Edwards and Tony Smith and the likely exclusion of Gary Connolly and Jason Robinson by the Australian Rugby League, Britain - and Wigan Warriors, next season - need Bens back fit and early.



Leader of the pack: Lord Archer polishes his break-building skills yesterday

## **Archer reveals fondness for reds**

Phil Yates on a

LORD ARCHER of Weston super-Mare took a break from Blackpool yesterday to take his bow as the president of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA). Like his party, he said, the sport has a great future".

The former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party and best-selling author sees his primary function as promoting a sport that despite television viewing figures that are the envy of many rivals, has often been ignored in terms of sponsorship. A keen follower of the

game since he first played on

a full-sized table at the Wes-

novel appointment that should raise the

profile of snooker

ton-super-Mare YMCA as a schoolboy, he hopes that his appointment will cause other high-profile figures to "come out from under the floorboards and admit they love watching snooker as well". Lord Archer, who highest break is a modest 32, said at the House of Commons: What we have got to get over is that here we have a good,

clean sport which can be

tremendously exciting, in which great sportsmanship is always displayed and which has, in my opinion, enormous potential for sponsor-

Snooker's hierarchy is concerned over the recent unveiling of Government plans to ban tobacco sponsorship, but, without getting drawn into the debate, Lord Archer maintained that all existing contracts with principal sponsors, such as Embassy, Regal and Benson and Hedges, should be honoured as they had been signed in good faith.

He becomes the first recognised snooker outsider to be appointed WPBSA president.

## Hamed must forget unification of title

**BOXING** 

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

NASEEM HAMED has had to abandon all hopes of unifychampionship. Instead, he is to concentrate on making a name for himself in the United States.

Frank Warren, his promoter, said yesterday that, after months of negotiations with the managers of Wilfredo Vasquez, the World Boxing Association champion, and Luisito Espinosa, who holds the World Boxing Council belt, he had begun to despair of ever making the matches.

"All I'm looking for now is big fights," Warren said. "I'm in the Naseem Harned business. He is as important to me as Mike Tyson is to Don King." The promoter is at present having talks with Home Box Office, a leading American cable television company, to sign a package for Hamed to box in the United States, but, he said, there was no question of Hamed training permanently

there, as has been suggested. "If a deal was concluded," Warren said, "he will only go there to train just before fights. The British public has always

been behind him and he's not going to turn his back on them." Hamed, who defends his

World Boxing Organisation title against José Badillo, of Puerto Rico, at Sheffield tomorrow, met the challenger yesterday. Badillo is a late replacement and an improvement on the original choice, Victor Llerena, of Colombia. Typically. Hamed said that

the change of opponent would have little effect on the outcome of the bout. Hamed was certain that Badillo would fall in the third round, just as he had said the other man would." I already said six weeks ago the fight would end in the third round and, regardless [of the opponentl, I don't change.

Warren said: This is a better fighter than the other guy. This man is ranked in the top three of all the other world organisations. I brought him in because they are looking for a quality fight.

Thanks to the change of opponent. Hamed can now expect to upstage Chris Eubank, his rival showman, who appears on the same card against Joe Calzaghe.

### **Douillet** delights the home support

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN PARIS

THE French were in raptures last night as David Douillet took his third successive heavyweight title when the world championships began here at the Stade de Bercy. Douillet, who is also the Olympic title-holder, has now emulated the feat of Yasuhiro Yamashita, of Japan, who is the only other male fighter to

have won three titles in this category.
Douillet beat Shini Shinohara, the outstanding Japanese, in the final - although French delight was tempered by the unsatisfactory manner of victory. The Japanese received four penalty points for passivity and the Frenchman himself received two and was

probably about to get a third. Douillet had damaged his Ieft shoulder early in the day. He did well to defeat Pan Song, of China, larger even than Douillet, who is 6ft 6in and weighs 20st 12lb, and then the shaven-headed Turk. Selim Tataroglu. Tataroglu is the reigning European champion, but he was unable to stop the sweeping leg techniques of Douillet, who three times bowled over

Michelle Rogers, from Salford, was the most consistent of the British competitors. As she weighs less than 12 stone in a heavyweight class where more than three stone, she can

Although losing to Dina passivity.

However, in the bout for the bronze medal, she met Sun Furning, who narrowly beat Rogers on her way to taking the Olympic title in Atlanta. Sun, ponderous but stable and exceptionally cunning, forced the Briton on the defensive. while occasionally producing her own deliberate attacks Rogers was given two passivty points and then, y tried to escalate the tempo of the contest, was cleanly thrown by the Chinese girl.

stan and South Africa in Rawalpindi seems certain to end in a draw after the touring team moved to 359 for six by the end of the fourth day, in reply to Pakistan's first-innings total of 456.

Test matches.

Pollock, who finished on 35 not out. Earlier, Gary Kirsten, the

boundaries, but was involved in two match-saving partnerships.

Carl Hooper, the West Indies all-rounder, will be returning to Kent as their overseas player next summer. having missed last season because of international commitments. His decision means that Kent will have to dispense with the services of Paul Strang, the Zimbabwe leg

# Villeneuve tries to dispel doubts

MOTOR RACING: SCHUMACHER WAITS TO POUNCE ON ANY MISTAKE IN GRAND PRIX

FROM MICHAEL CALVIN IN SUZUKA

MIND games were on the agenda in the suitably surreal playground of Suzuka yesterday afternoon. Jacques Villeneuve prepared by playing Dungeons & Dragons, the labyrinth of lateral thinking that has become his favourite computer game. Michael Schumacher trained his brain by playing poker for three days in a Tokyo hotel.

Personalities are routinely distorted in Formula One's phoney war, during which any hint of hesitancy assumes inordinate importance. As the drivers sat next to each other, delivering a succession of inanities that purported to be a reasoned commentary on their duel for the world championship, they were notably ill at ease.

Schumacher offered little more than his name, rank and chassis number. Villeneuve, who needs only to finish ahead of him in the Japanese Grand Prix on Sunday to win the title, responded with uncharacteristic venom. "What do you want me to do, kiss him?" he exclaimed when photographers implored them to shake hands. Schumacher smirked, evidently heartened by his rival's discomfort.

The conspiracy theorists have been quick to suggest that the German will indulge his ruthless streak here, in the self-proclaimed Wonderland of Sport Damon Hill, who won his title at Suzuka last season, amplified the debate by triggering memories of the collision at Adelaide, which allowed Schumacher to rob him of the championship in

"Michael has nothing to lose," he said. "He'll try anything to prevent Jacques winning the title here. He has to do one of his specials." He paused, smiled mischievously and refused to elaborate.

Schumacher, nine points behind the Canadian with only two races left, will only profit from another convenient coming together with his principal rival if his Ferrari survives unscathed. The precedents are compelling - both Alain Prost and Ayrton Senna were crowned as world champion after collisions at Suzuka but the real significance of the stage whispers lies in the seeds of doubt they plant in

"I hope it doesn't come to that," Villeneuve said, when he was asked to contemplate the apparently unthinkable calamity of being shunted into a gravel trap. "Michael seems to be pretty straightforward and it would be a shame if that happened. We will have to wait and see, but it has happened many times in the past, to many different driv-

"It kinda passes as normality in Formula One. After working so hard for a full season, it is an easy thing to

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Villeneuve and Schumacher succumb to requests to shake hands at the bollow press conference yesterday

do. The higher the stakes, the less you feel about doing something like that, I guess. My battles with him were fair last season, but we were not fighting for the championship."

The cynics suggest that he may have more to fear from the fraternal loyalty of Ralf Schumacher. He has been Michael's poker partner this week and claims he has no need to atone for his involvedent at the Nürburgring that crippled his brother's Ferrari and swung the championship in Villeneuve's favour.

"It was a real shame that such a thing happened be-tween us," he said. "It wasn't 100 per cent my fault. These things happen and they can't be changed. From the family's point of view, obviously I hope Michael will still win the championship, but, realistically, it will be very difficult for him to turn things around." Villeneuve is as well-prepared, physically, as he has

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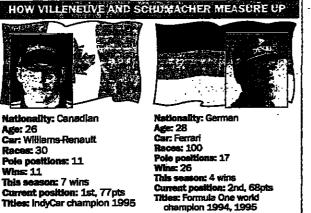
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ever been. He has spent the summer working with Irwin Göllner, the fitness coach who helped Hill to the title. Ironically, his strength of will is likely to be more decisive. He must be self-contained, blind to any diversionary tactics.

There is no point me trying to get into Michael's mind." he said. "It is better to know nothing-about him, because

my impression could easily be a false impression. I have to concentrate on my own game. Many things happen too quickly in this game and you have to be ready to react."

Hill put the challenge confronting his erstwhile teammate into the correct context. "Jacoues will find it extremely difficult to live with himself if he fails to win the champion-



ship now," he said. "Michael has the experience of winning two titles. He will not be fazed by the occasion. Jacques may be a little too eager."
Villeneuve, infinitely more

relaxed in an informal setting rather than a gladiatorial, setpiece press conference, is a realist. "The pressure on me this year is different," he said. "Last year, I could win it. This year, I can lose it and I know how bad that will feel- =

"I can't tell you how or why. but I do know I have improved this season. It's a subtle process, but the chemistry is right. I really don't know how Michael does his job and I don't really care. I feel I can beat him anyway. I've evolved, learnt from my mistakes. The best thing you can be in this situation is yourself." Unfortunately, that is not

easy. The world is ready to rush, to make superficial judgments about Villeneuve's talent and character. Michael Schumacher is waiting and watching.

### **BOWLS**

## Nottingham prepare for Scots' challenge

By Norman de Mesquita

**ICE HOCKEY** 

THE Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals will be played during the next week over two legs, with three firstleg games taking place tomorrow. Results so far have shown that the eight Superleague teams are closely matched and it should mean close contests to decide the semi-finalists.

Titles: IndyCar champion 1995

Ayr Scottish Eagles and Nottingham Panthers staged an epic play-off semi-final last March and players from both sides will be hoping that a result can be achieved this time without prolonged overtime, as was the case then. In a recent league match in Nottingham, the Panthers beat the Eagles 1-0 and, with the quality of goaltending

higher than ever, another low-scoring contest is likely. Basingstoke Bison, who finished bottom last season, have a tough task at the Newcastle Cobras, whose goaltender, Stephen Foster, has been difficult to beat. In the third tie, Bracknell Bees have the misfortune to face the most improved team in the competition, Manchester Storm, who finished top of their qualifying group, suffer-ing only one defeat in the process, at Ayr. They should

prove too strong for the Bees. The fourth tie, between Cardiff Devils and Sheffield Steelers, will be played next Friday and Saturday, because the Sheffield Arena is not available tomorrow.

### WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43 **HALIOTIS** 

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(b) A genus of univalve sea shells, the "Ear Shells". The tropical species are an important source of mother of pearl. One species is found as far north as Guernsey. The Oxford Gazette, 1931: "Toe bone with carved face and haliotis eyes."

(c) A medium-sized ice floe. The Geographical Journal, 1933: "Drift ice was pretty thick and we were constantly under helm to avoid the pans' as the seamen and fishermen call them, or 'glacons', which I believe is the scientific term." GRAVETTE

(a) A long, narrow flint shaped like a knife of Upper Palaeolithic date. It has a shasrp cutting edge and a blunted back. A Million Years of Man, 1963: "One of the uses of their gravettes was to decorate the ivory of the slaughtered mammoths."

HAMBERGITE (a) A basic borate of beryllium, Be<sup>2</sup>(OH)BO<sup>3</sup>. It occurs as colourless orthorhombic crystals that have a strong double refraction. It was discovered by A. Hamberg in 1889 and takes its eponym from him. It was originally found in Norway, though not of gem quality. More recently discovered in contral Madagascar.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 Rxf7+! Bxf7 2 Ne6+ Ke8 (2 ... Kg8 3 Qg7 mate) 3 Nc7+ and the black queen

### Worldwide tour set for take-off

By DAVID RHYS JONES

BOWLS takes another step towards full professionalism on Sunday, when the Bupa Care Homes Open gets underway at the Preston Guild Hall under the control, for the first time, of the newly-formed World Bowls Tour (WBT). The tour is an amalgam

players and officials, with full representatives from the Pro-fessional Bowls Association (PBA) on the board, together with two each from the sport's governing bodies, the World Bowls Board and the World Indoor Bowls Council. The tour has appointed Gordon Dunwoodie as tournament director and hopes to do for bowls what the European Tour has done for golf, with events all over the world.

For the first time, too, the PBA has been allowed to provide qualifiers for a televised event and it will be interesting to see how the new professionals Billy Mellors, George Sneddon, Les Gillett and Nigel Williams measure up to the standards set by players such as Hugh Duff Andy Thomson, Richard Coursie and Tony Allcock.

The PBA has opened its doors to women, but in the absence of any female qualifiers, four have been invited, attracting some criticism. Margaret Johnston, the world's best woman bowler, has been drawn to play the No 2 seed, Andy Thomson, who has been one of the most outspoken critics of the invita tions. "If they qualify through the play-offs, fair enough, but I don't think they should be

#### TELEVISION CHOICE

### Trude comes on song

Vets in Practice BBC1, 8.00pm

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And so we say farewell to the excitable Trude, the cool and capable Alison and the itchy-footed Joe as our vets complete their first six months in the job. But be assured that they will be back, for this is far too good a subject to be jettisoned. The combination of an assortment of young professionals tentatively learning a difficult trade. and an often tricky caseload, continues to yield splendid footage. Difficult birds feature tonight as Alison has to cope with an aggressive goose which has broken its wing and Joe is faced with a noisy parrot. Meanwhile Trude, a lot more confident than the bundle of nerves we met in the earlier series, sings to a golden labrador brought in with a swollen neck. As it happens her diagnosis is spot on, but you feel that being serenaded by Trude is enough to make the sickest creature feel better.

#### Dan Pearson: Routes Around the World Channel 4, 8.00pm

Since the title of this series gives little idea of the content, a word of explanation might be useful. The programmes follow Dan Pearson, a rising young garden designer, as he forsakes Britain in search of fresh sources of inspiration. This means some long trips, starting in Japan. It is probably fair to say trips, starting in Japan. It is probably fair to say that Japanese gardens are a minority enthusiasm over here, being too austere and formalised for most tastes. One of Pearson's examples, the Roanji Temple rock garden in Kyoto, exactly fits the stereotype, a minimalist creation designed to encourage its visitors to undistracted contemplation. But elsewhere in the former imperial capital Pearson finds gardens which, while highly mannered and equisitely detailed, have a ordern highness that startles the even have a green lushness that startles the eye. Moreover, they are rarely open to the public, let alone television crews.

#### Channel 4, 9.00pm

For a change, in the continuing saga of those ever-so-pleased-with-themselves New Yorkers, we have a two-part episode. It comes complete with a cliffhanger designed to make sure we tune in next week. First off is yet another new man for Phoebe



Joe Inglis and Emma Milne (BBCl, 7pm)

(Lisa Kudrow), the joke being that he speaks no English so their romance has to be conducted through an interpreter. But this is only a diversion from the main plot which is about that increasingly tiresome couple, Ross (David Schwimmer) and Rachel (Jennifer Aniston). He wants to celebrate their first anniversary. She is too busy with work. He storms out and finds female company elsewhere. It is predictable material, but a formula He storms out and finds female company elsewhere. It is predictable material, but a formula able to hook more than five million regular viewers in Britain alone makes such carping pointless.

#### The Nation's Favourite Love Poem

BBC1, 10.20pm National Poetry Day, which fell yesterday, is again the cue for inviting viewers to vote for a favourite piece of verse. This is the third such exercise, the previous ones having identified Rudyard Kipling's If as the all-time winner and Jenny Joseph's Warning, a meditation on reckless and irresponsible old age, as the most favoured example written since the Second World War. Strangely perhaps, love poems did not figure strongly on either occasion but this is the genre chosen for the 1997 vote. This despite a survey (if you believe surveys) which suggested that we are most likely to read and write poetry while in love. As is becoming a tradition, Griff Rhys Jones will be on hand to announce the winner and there will be readings of this, and other love poems, by Imogen Stubbs and Nigel Havers. Peter Waymark

"A lady rang in to say..." has become one of the more notorious openers in the anecdotal history of broadcasting, for the words were spoken by Michael Fish ten years ago next week and he went on to say that this lady had heard that a hurricane

on to say that this lady had heard that a nurricate was coming: Fish could of course assure us that there would be no such thing. Britain awoke the next day to a flattened landscape, though most of us could not listen to a contrite BBC forecaster because the power lines had been blown down along with the trees and quite a few buildings. The

programme has a range of stories, tragic, amusing and everything in between, with the pick of them

concerning a pregnant woman, a fallen tree and a fractured telephone line. Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

The Natural History Programme

Radio 4. 11.30am

The Food Programme Radio 4, 12.25pm

One way of defining a really distinctive radio programme is to be able to say that there is nothing like it in any other medium. So *The Food Programme*, back for a new series, is really distinctive. It is not about how to make a dish, much less is it a vehicle for a cook on an ego trip. What the programme does is much more interesting than that, for it tackles trends (but not fads) in the way food is used and, at its best, the programme uncovers the sort of behaviour that food manufacturers would rather keep to themselves. Not the least of the show's assets is its presenter, Derek Cooper, whose mix of charm and presenters. Today's subject is harvests.

#### RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radoliffe Breakfast Show 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley, Includes 12.30pm Nowsbeet 3.00 Mark Goodier 6.15 Newsbeet 6.30 Pete Tong: Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle on Tour Rutheck Ting in Bristol 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show 3.00am Jeyne Middlemiss

6.00mm Serah Kennady 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Dents Quilley Shares the Best of Times 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night. With the BBC Concert Orchestra under Roderick Dunk and the singer Mary Careire 9.15 The Tallor, of Panama 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 The

 8.00cm The Brestdast Programma 9.00 The Magazine with Brian Hayes 12.00 Midday News 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwids 7.00 News Extra 7.30 Sportstak Includes a look arised to bromorow's World Cup qualifier between England and litaly 8.30 Friday Sport with David Oates 10.00 Paper Talk 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours 2.00cm Up All Night with Pichard Instenses. Richard Dallyn 5.00 Morning Reports

7.00mm The Breakfast Show with Nick Abbot 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 (FM) Robin Benks (AM) Nicky Home 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyte (AM) Calmin Jones 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00em Richard Porter

### TALK RADIO 6.30cm Bit Overton and Carol McGiffen 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Sportszone 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00cm Mike Dickin

6.00mm Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Pick of the World 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf: The Portrait of a Lady 8.30 Music Review 9.00 News; News in German (648 only) 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Performance 9.30 John Peel 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 History Today 10.30 BBC English Speaking of English 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Plants of Power 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Focus on Faith 1.00 News; News in German (648 only) 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Ends of the World 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack: Alternative 4.00 News 4.05 Football Extra 4.15 5.30 Wollsteat Aue leave 3.40 Verse in German (6.18 only) Peradox 4.30 Science in Action; News in German (6.18 only) 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britan Today 6.00 News 8.15 The World Today 6.30 The Insider's Today 6.00 News 6.15 The World Today 6.30 The Insider's Guide; News in German (648 only) 6.40 Spotight 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Focus on Faith 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack: Alternative 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 People and Politics 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 The World Today 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From the Weekies 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From the Weekies 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Prandox 2.45 The Insider's Guide 2.55 Spotlight 3.00 Newsday 3.30 People and Politics 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 The World Today; Weekend (Europe only) 4.45 Off the Shelf

### CLASSIC FM

6.00am Alan Mann 9.00 Henry Kelly. Includes the Hall of Fame Hour 1.00pm Listener Request Hour 2.00 Concerto, Mozart (Note: Concerto No 1 in B flat) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Newsnight with John Brunning 7.30 Sonata. Quentz (Sonata No 275 in B flat major for Flute and Continuo) 8.00 Evening No 2/3 in 5 list major for nutie and continuo) sub Evening Concert. Wagner, enr Lemere (Ride of the Vallynies); Montaverol (Addramus Te); Heydin (Plano Concerto in D); Brahms (Lebesleder Waltzes); Struces (Til Eutenspiegel); Schubert (Symphony No 4 in C minor, Tragic) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00mm Concerto (r) 4.00 Sally Paterson

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes
Dvofák (Terzetto in C for Two Violins and Viola, Op
74); Clazunov (Orlental Rhapsody); Purcell (They
That Go Down to the Sea in Ships, 257); Milhaud
(Sonata, Op 47); Prokofiev (Overture on Habrew
Themes); Brahms (Cello Sonata No 1 in E minor,
Op 389) Op 38)
9.00 Morning Collection, introduced by Peter
Hobday, Includes Handel (Concerto a Due Cori
No 2 in F); Mozart (Oboe Quartet in F, K370);
Arriaga (Symphony in D)
10.00 Musticel Encounters, with Stephenie Hughes,
includes Amold (The Padstow Lifeboat); Puccini
(Preludio Sinionico); Barber (Excursions);
Madeleine Dring (Two Betjernan Songs); Bax
(Fantasy); Hummel (Septiet in C, Op 114, Military);
Menotii (Piano Concerto)

4.00 Music Restored, A concert given lest July in St Clave's Church, Marygale, York, Emma Kirldy, soprano, Anthony Rooley, late (f)

4.45 Music Machine: Acoustics, Tormny Pearson looks at the accustics of stringed instruments

5.00 In Turne, Paul McCartney tails to Sean Ratiany about his symptonic work. Standing Store

7.30 Performance on 3: Schumann Revealed. Introduced by Andraw Lyte, Ruth Zlesak, soprano, Nedja Michael, mezzo, Toby Spenca, tenor, William Dazeley, bartione, Neal Davies, bess. Monteverd Choir, Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romanitique under John Eliot Gardiner. Schumann (Mantred: Overture; incidental music; Nachtlied; Requiem für Mignon; Fausts Verklärung, Scenes from Goethe's Failsi!)

9.20 Postscript: Projections (\$/5)

9.40 Villa-Lobis. The second of two programmes of miniatures by Heltor Villa-Lobos.

10.00 Heer and Now. Sarsh Walker introduces a concert from the Institute of Contemporary Art in London. Lomano under Odaline de la Martinez includes Golfredo Petraesi (Grand Septuor); Ahwynne Pritchard (What This Night, first performance); Franco Donatoni (Souverir); Barberé Monk Feldman (The Northern Shore, first performance); han Fadele (Profilio in Eco)

11.30 Composers of the Weeks Schoenberg, Berg and Webern (Sounding the Century) (f) (Fantasy): Huminal (Septet in C, Op 114, Military); Menotti (Piano Concento)

12.00 Composers of the Weelc Dufay, Binchols and Their Contemporaries

1.00pm News; The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Live. from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Chris de Souze introduces the Medici Quartet. Veughan Williams (String Quartet No 2); Beathoven (String Quartet No 1)

2.00 The BBC Archives The Queen's Hall, Philip Fowke recreates the atmosphere of the Queen's Hall in London which was destroyed by a bomb in May 1941. Includes Prom performances conducted by Henry Wood the priestst Withelm

11.30 Composers of the week: Schoenberg, Berg and Webern (Sounding the Century) (r)
12.30am Songa from Saturn. The last in the series letting the story of the jazz band leader Sun Ra (r)
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Meclaod

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00am News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.45 Ruming in the Fernily, Paul Bhastacherier reads Michael Ondestie's account of his family's life in Coylon (5/5) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's Castonery is trole Holland (1/6)

conducted by Henry Wood, the planist Withelm

Sackhaus playing a Mozart concerto and part of the Verdi Requiem, conducted by Arturo Toscenini during the 1938 London Music Festival

castaway is Jools Holland (f)

9.45 Gerry's Bar. More comic relisations on life from Gerry Anderson

10.00 (FM) News; Old Stubborn Guts. The writer and broadcaster Studs Turkel explores his personal archives.

10.00 (LW) An Act of Worship 10.15 (LW) An Act or worsing
10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced from London
11.30 The Natural History Programme. See Choice
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm The Food Programme. See Choice 12.55

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Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke at the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool and James Cox in London

Jonathan Hollowey, adapted from the novella b George Eliot. With Toby Stephens and Edward Michael Control of the Lines of the Novella b George Eliot. With Toby Stephens and Edward Michie (1/2) (r)
3.00 News; The Atternoon Shift, with Lauria Taylor

and guests
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope. Tim Mariow reviews
David Britley's latest work for the Birmingham
Royal ballet, Edward II

4.45 Short Story: Overcost, by Rhician Brook. Read by Richard Nichols (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 8.00 Sh C'Clock News 6.30 Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week. Chris Sorie presents his selection of setracts from BBC radio and television over the pest seven days
8.05 Arry Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion in Blackburn, Lancashire, with panellists Alistair Darling, John Redwood, Adam Smith and Yasmin Alibhal-Brown
8.50 Judging the Judges, Professor Simon Lee talks to Lord Browne-Wilkinson (2/3)
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Katelidoscope Feature: Paul McCartney. Edward Sectorson talks to Paul McCartney about his classical compositions (r) 9.59 Weather
10.05 The World Tonight, with Joremy Harris
10.45 Booker at Bedtime: The God of Small Things, by Aruschati Roy (5/7) (r)
11.00 Week Ending. The satiscal news show with Jon Clover, Sally Grace, Dave Lamb and Sarah
Parkirson

Parkinson

11.25 Fourth Column. A sideways look at the week

11.45 Beyond the Millennium. The philosopher Sadie
Plant take about her views of the future (r)

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Drowned
World. J.G. Belfand's classic adventure, read by
Nicholas Farrell (3/10) (r)

12.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast
1.00 As World Service

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dancers



# The dancers are raving but the critic is not

show whether it is weight of expectation that is to blame, but I fear the worst. A Dance to the Music of Time (Channel 4) got off to the sort of start last night that it will take a minor miracle to recover from.

Actually, that's not strictly true - the start itself was fine. If Clare Skinner with no clothes on was a sign of things to come, dance on. But then she snuggled up to Nicholas Jenkins, narrator of the books but not apparently the television series, and the flashbacks began and within five minutes I was lost. And I'd read it. Those who believed Anthony Powell's outstanding novel sequence to be unadaptable appeared to have a

Hitherto, I had never subscribed to that view. When I first heard of plans to turn the 12 books into television I was greedy with anticipation at the prospect of ... well,

the autumn, or perhaps in these impatient times, IZ one-hours? What we got, four two-hour episodes, was not an option I had really considered. The first niggling doubts set in

As it happened you could see why somebody at Channel 4 had gone for the two-hour option, because the first hour of last night's opening instalment was quite terrible. Left to its own idle devices, it would have ensured that not a soul made it to episode two. Small wonder Skinner had been told to get her kit off. It was like walking into a

Brideshead Revisited theme park - only less convincing. If comparison with Waugh's novel has been the bane of Powell's professional life, this has done him absolutely no favours at all. "Have a rock bun," twittered Alan Bennett, as he delivered something that was not

minute episodes to get us through music hall turn. I gritted my teethand watched. If memory served me, the spires, the nunts and every other Oxford cliché you can think of didn't last for ever. "Oxford doesn't agree with me." groaned Paul Rhys, trying desperately hard not to look and sound like Anthony Andrews. It didn't agree with me,

> s a succession of open-top tourers drew up to stately homes, my spirit sank — we have been this way too often. As a flapper flapped on a sunny terrace, I winced — I'd spotted the wind-up gramophone. When the road from London to Oxford turned out to be a single-tracked lane lined with pine trees...! wasn't a bit surprised.

The second hour was better but. iven our full-frontal start, bafflingly coy. Jean (Clare Skinner) minnying around her Belgravia

6.00am GMTV (4177958)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (3848923)

9.55 Regional News (6830738)

10.00 The Time, the Place (87855)

10.30 This Morning (1) (77620565)

12.20pm Regional News (8142565)

12.30 News (T) and weather (5667316)

12.55 Dogs with Dunbar (557910?)

1.25 Home and Away (1) (76939294)

1.50 Murder, She Wrote (r) (9081768)

2.50 WALES: The Pulse (I) (9495774)

3.30 Jays' World (8179687) 3.40 Titch

(9862958) 3.50 Oscar and Friends (9868942) 4.00 Roger and the Rottentrols (1) (8481107) 4.15 Humicanes (1) (6253584) 4.40 Fun

2.50 Garden Calendar (1) (9495774)

3.25 Regional News (4982126)

House (T) (9240836)

5.10 A Country Practice (3041687)

5.40 News (T) and weather (211671)

6.25 Regional Weather (948749)

6,30 The West Tonight (565)

6,00 Home and Away (r) (1) (151328)

6.30 WALES: Wates Tonight (1) (565)

7.00 Bruce's Price is Right (1) (3652)

truth about Jon (T) (749)

10.00 News (T) and weather (30316)

Sheldon Lettich (78332720)

10.30 Regional News (870403)

10.40 Late and Live (5301565)

hankering for the protection Aggie and Ben used to afford her (2/3) (T) (1381)

10.40 AWOL: Absent Without Leave (1990)

starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and Harrison Page. A French Foreign

Legionnaire deserts his post and flees to

New York, where he enters the lifegal

world of bare-knuckle boxing. Directed by

of a knife (1) (2300)

3.20 News (T) (4983855)

12.55 WALES: Grass Roots (I) (5579107)



flat in the altogether was enjoyably gratuitous, but her first illicit kiss with Jenkins (Nicholas Purefoy) was vital - and vet it almost seemed to take the camera by surprise. As for their first stolen night together, we didn't see a thing. Very odd.

My doubts about the structure of Hugh Whitemore's adaptation returned. Waugh's single novel was adapted into 11 leisurely parts. By

episodes. Powell's elegant dance has been turned into a rave, the The Uninvited he played a nuclear But then her nose didn't bleed relentless beat set at 140 chance encounters per hour There's only so much "Ah. Stringham" and "Ah. Templar" that a chap can

Still not all is lost. The second hour was better than the first and if the improvement continues. I could be feeling thoroughly ashamed of myself by the end Much of the acting borders on pantonime, but there are some good performances. Skinner is enchanting (with or without her clothes), Purefoy, Rhys and Jonathan Cake are improving as they become more familiar as the handsome trio of men-about-town and Simon Russell Beale has the makings of an excellent Widmerpool. Oh yes, one last thing. Carl Davis's music. Can't stand it.

A good night, however, for

Oliver Ford Davies - he was Le

Channel 4. while over on FIV in right. Steve (Douglas Hodge) did. scientist, who may or may not have been taken over by aliens. No danger of typecasting there, then.

The precise reason for the uncertainty vis d vis alien status is that his nose didn't bleed when Lesfie Grantham was stabbed with a syringe full of saline solution. But as Grantham didn't die either (alien-killing theory said he should have) we're clearly dealing with a new set of rules. Just as well, with another episode to go.

Tor anyone wearying of lioppy haircuts and rock buns; this was the perfect antidote wonderfully silly and cracking along at a pace that leaves no time to worry about it making sense. But first of all we had to find out whether Melissa (Lia Williams) had turned into an alien, as last week's car crash suggested. You

when Microwave Man died, so that was all right then. They went

to bed to celebrate. Microwave Man? Oh yes, sorry. Light aircraft pilot, crash landing, rushed to hospital, died when given a saline drip (big clue). The sort of post-mortem that would have made even Amanda Burton blanch revealed that his internal organs had been cooked ... from the inside. "Oh my God," gasped Caroline Lee Johnson, as the first incision produced not blood but smoke. She clasped a handkerchief to her face - probably to stiffe a

giggle.
We left it with the aliens definitely having the upper hand, having blown up Sizewell B, taken over the United Nations and invaded Antarctica. I think it's time someone phoned Brigadier Lethbridge

### BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (14251) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (32774855) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (3859039) 9.30 Style Challenge (6364479) 9.55 Kilroy (T) (2957836)

10.35 Conservative Party Conference '97 Live coverage from Blackpool, featuring William Hague's keynote address (72647855)

12.35pm Going for a Song With the curator of the Minton Museum and a dealer in oriental furniture (5671519) 1.00 News (T) and weather (77756)

1,30 Regional News (73640107) 1,40 The Weather Show (48286890) 1.45 Neighbours (1) (71439519) 2.10 Racing from Ascot The 2.30 Tripleprint

Malden Stakes, and the 3.05 Bonusprint October Stakes (4985687) 3.30 Playdays (8175045) 3.50 Dear Mr Barker Show (1045403) 4.15 Casper (6244836) 4.35 Record Breekers (8807010) 5.00 Newsround (1) (2188749) 5.10 Blue Pater

(1) (9650774) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (883215) 6.00 News (T) and weather (395) 6.30 Regional News (T) (497) 7,00 Weekend Watchdog with Anne Robinson (T) (8584)

7.30 Top of the Pops (1) (381) 8.00 Vets in Practice The vets take stock of their first six months in practice. Last in series (1)

8.30 Children's Hospital in the last of the current series a tlny baby is brought in with suspected cystic fibrosis (T) (3039) 9.00 News (T) and weather (9671)

9.30 Dangerfield: Guitt DS Diamond and Dangerfield's romantic reverie is broken by the discovery of a car in a river containing the body of its owner (1)

10.20 The Nation's Favourite
Love Poem Viewers' poil to plnpoint the most popular love poem in Britain today (T) (136478) WALES: 10.20 Satellite City. New series (331774) 11.10 The Nation's Favourite Love Poem (947294) 11.20 Parkinson: The Interviews (635942) 12.00 Golf: World Metchplay (5912188) 12.40am FILM: Crimewave (2898817) 2.05 FILM: Young Stranger (6879508) 3.25 Weather (18074966)

10.50 Parkinson: The Interviews Alec Guinness (T) (751774) 11.30 Golf: World Matchplay Second-round highlights from Wentworth in Surrey (607774)

12.10am Crimewave (1985) with Louise Lasser and Reed Birney. Offbeat comedy about two rodent exterminators who go on a killing spree through Detroit. Directed by Sam Raimi (1) (6581633) 1,35 The Young Stranger (1957, b/w) with

James MacArthur and Kim Hurter.

Orama about a deteriorating relationship between a movie executive father and his teenage son. Directed by John Frankenheimer (4270140) 2.55 Weather (3837275)

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#### BBC2 NO COLD 6.00am Sociai Sciences: TV -- Itr

Messages and Ideologies (9947010) 6.50 Return to Skorner (2276671) 7.00 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (9756316)

7.15 Teletubbles (r) (6996836) 7.40 Smuris Adventures (f) (4436403) 8.05 Smert (f) (7198403) 8.30 William's Wish Wellingtons (2663855) 8.35 Wishing (7498923) 8.45 Harry and the Hendersons (r) (T) (9685923)

9.10 Music Makers (7144584) 9.30 Watch (8777229) 9.45 Come Outside (8692584) 10.00 Teletubbies (63229)

10,30 Daytime on Two: Look and Read (7506768) 10,50 The Art (7682132) 11,10 Landmarks (I) (5447132) 11,30 English File (5478) 12.00 Scane (35861)

12.30pm Working Lunch (62403) 1.00 The Little Polar Bear (r) (55084294) 1.05 Pingu (r) (55083565) 1.10 The Countryside Hour (7612107)

2.10 Golf: World Matchplay Steve Rider presents live action of the second round from Wentworth which will feature the top tour seeds including defending champion and winner of the US Open, Emie Els (70696010) 5.30 Today's the Day (774)

6.00 Star Trek The Enterprise becomes the rhead of an alien invasion (r) (1) (897652)

6.50 Conservative Party Conference Highlights (370720)

7.30 Top-Gear Motorsport (Sky Movies Gold)
Goodwood's Festival of Speed; the World Trials Championship; a round up of this year's Formula Renault series (923)



8.00 The Big Catch Liam Dale travels to Bordeaux in France, to cast his line in Rainbow Lake in the hope that France's (1) (8774)

8.30 Ground Force The team creates a lowmaintenance gravel garden at Whitley Bay (T) (4381)

9.00 Red Dwarf Lister starts to miss Rimmer (r) (T) (7213)

9.30 Shooting Stars Comic quiz with Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer. Guests are Eddie Izzard; Melanie Sykes; Glann Hugill and Carol Vorderman (1) (86039) 10.00 Jenny Eciatr's Pick 'n' Mix Chos from the BBC archives (36590)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (489045) 11.15 VR 5 Sydney gets a new liaison officer (1) (368768)

1.00am Angel Baby (1961, b/w) Melodrama with George Hamilton, Salome Jens and Joan Blondell. Directed by Paul Wendkos

12.10am Short Story Cinema (4400324) 12.40 The Paul Ross Show (792985)

2.15 The Sergeant (1968) with Rod Steiger.
An army sergeant is forced to face his sexuality when he finds himself drawn to an attractive young private. Directed by 12.00 Fallen Angel British manga-style animated feature (77492) John Flynn (306324) 4.10 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (r)

4.35 Coach (r) (56201527) 5.00 Coronation 2.35 Weather (3815053) Street (r) (T) (80966) 5.30 News (73091)

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As HTV West except 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (5579107) 2.50-3.20 Our House (9495774) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3041687) 6.25-7.00 Central News (320565) 19.40 Central Weekend Live (5301565) 12.10em Campus Cops (3516614) 12.38 Sound Bites (1151508) 2.10 The LADS (1597343) 2.40 Cool Vibes (9123966) 2.55 Box Office America (5335091)

4.10 Helter Skelter (1732904) 5.00 Central Jobfinder '97 (1404966) 5.20 Asian Eye (7182782)

3.20 Baywatch (8328053)

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Deirdre confronts Jon (7.30pm) 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (8154300) 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (5579107) 7.30 Coronation Street Deirdre learns the 1.50 A Solash of Colour (71332652) 2.20-3.28 Highway to Heaven (7102132) 8.00 The Bill Garfield is on the receiving and 6.23 Angile Weather (949478). 8.30 Strange But True? A retired bingo caller 6.25-7.88 Anglia News (320565) digs up evidence that he was a Cromwellian foot soldier (I) (8107) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (197749) 9.00 Catherine Cookson's The Rag Nymph 10.30 Anglia News Extra (43836) Millie spreads her wings to take up a job as a nursemaid in the country, but is soon 11.00 Film: Hexad (1993). A comedy directed

> Starta: 7.08am The Big Breakfest (94687) 9.00 Yegotion (68774) 11.00 Conference Report (8057229) 12.15pm A Box Rufl of Stories (4279768) 12.30 Yegotion (84671) 1.00 Slot Melihrin (32407720) 1.15 Slot Synladau Sali (32508403) 1.30 Augusta and the Mouse (44688836) 1.35 Film: The Harvey Clife (40155507) 2.30 Letter Levis Giris (40155590) 3.30 Leurie Lee's Gioucestershire (671) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (478) 4.30 Out of Africa (590) 5.00 5 Pump (4420497) 5.15 Mynd Drot Drot (2183294) (428300) 6.10 Heno (84132) 7.00 Pobol y Curn (258045) 7.25 Y Sloe Gelf (441942) 8.00 Yms Mee 'Nighan (3382) 8.30 Newyddion (6749) 9.00 Rhwng Durr a Dyn (9923) 10.00 Rhyddion (6749) 9.00 Rhwng Durr a Dyn (9923) 10.00 Rhyddion (6749) 9.00 Rhwng Durr a Dyn (9923) 10.00 Rhyddion (6749) 9.00 Rhyddion (6749) 8.00 Rhyddion (6749) 8.00 Rhyddion (6749) Brookside (699720) 10,35 Friends (397229) 11.05 Je Brand: Like It or Lump It (234687) 11.35 King of the HRI (101565) 12.05mm TFI Friday (2406091) 1.05 Film: Flats of Pary

(270614) 2.55 Film: Night and the City

by Alan Spencer (864923)

#### CHANNEL 4 5.55am Sesame Street (65949

7.00 The Big Breakfast (94687) 9.00 Schools: Off Limits (3843478) 9.25 (T) (8699497) 9.45 Stop. Look, Listen (T) 34774) 10.02 Lost Anknais (34770 10.10 TVM (T) (2532045) 10.25 Caraidean (2457300) 10.40 Topl (7688316) 11:00 Robett Burns (1) (6401403) 11:15 Stage One (1)

11.00 Conference Report William Hague, MP, addresses the conference (8057229) 12.15pm A Box Full of Stories (r) (4279768) 12.30 Light Lunch (67687)

1.30 To Baldly Go (34374381) 1.50 Mr Denning Drives North (1951, b/w) A comedy thriller starring John Mills, Herbert Lorri and Elleen Moore: Directed

by Anthony Kimmins (92507039) 3.30 The Living Sea (r) (671) 4.60 Filteen-to-One (1) (478) 4.36 Countdown (1) (3808749) 4.55 Rickl Lake (r) (1) (8727478) 5.30 Pet Rescue (1) (942) 8.00 TFI Friday The guests include Jimmy Nall and Supergrass (65530)

7.00 Channel 4 News (1) (817836)-7.58 Music of the Millennium Dame Jean



Dan Pearson explores Japan (8рш)

Dan Pearson: Routes Around the World The first of a six-part gardening series in which Dan-Pearson explores successful gardens worldwide. Beginning with Kyoto, Japan, where he meets the lest Zen priest to practise garden design in Japan (1) (3382)

8.30 Brookside Ron's health is under

pressure (T) (6749) Friends: The One Where Ross and Rachel Take a Break Phoebe is involved with a foreign diplomat and has to use an interpreter Ross seeks comfort in the arms of

another woman (1) (448497) 9.35 Cybill Justin encounters Zoey while visiting his mother (T) (334403)

10.00 Fraster When Niles moves in to a prestigious apartment block that does

not allow cats or dogs, he buys a talking bird (1) (38958) 10.30 Jo Brand: Like it or Lump it Stand up and comedy sketches (T) (662636) 11.65 King of the Hill (T) (234687) 11.35 TFI Friday (r) (716361)

12.35am Big Boss (1971) Kung it action with Bruce Lee in his first stacing rise. Directed by Lo Wel (274904) 2.25 Night and the City (1950, b/w) staring
Pilchard Widmark as a redetest trying to
muscle-in on the London weetling scene.
Directed by Jules Dassin (687701)

4.10 To Whom It May Concern (2805385) 4.45 Takeover TV (r) (9882459) 5.15 Fisike (9882459)

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrynt decoder will Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of clierge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.922075 GHz, sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (2912923) 7.30 Militehake (7935720) 7.35 USA High (r) (8916382) 8.00 Havakazoo (8496519) 8.30 WideWorld Exploring the contrasting

Images of Glasgow (8488590) 9.00 Estresso (5588571) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (8234294) 16.30 The Car Show (r) (T) (6234294)-(8302126)

11.00 Leeza (6062869) 11.50 Double Espresso (r) (44210942)

12.00 The Bold and the Be (8393478) 12.30pm Family Alfairs (r) (1) (1967279) 1.00 5 Nisws Update (99259403) 1.05 Sunset Béach (1) (1343855) **2.09** 5's Company (4793861)



3.30 Suspicion (1941, b/w) Classic Hitchcock thriller with Joan Fontaine; Cary Grant and Cedric Hardwicke in which a timid heiress marries a raidsh man despite protestations from all that he is a gold-

digger (3753720) 5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (55089229) 5.30 Whittie (8399942)

6.00 100 Per Cent /83968551 shock announcement (1) (8387107) ...

7.00 Name That Tune (6144497) 7.30 Exclusive The agents who represent the multi-million dollar stars (8489519)

8.00 Jenny Ectair Squats Jenny reviews the week (6226045) 8.38 5 News (6132652) -- -

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9.00 Trail of Tears (1995) with Part Dawber. and Katay Sagal. Two women, whose estranged husbands have snatched their children, units to retrieve their offspring.

- Directed by Donald Wrys (69246300)

10.59 La Femme Nikita (7317869) 11.45 Paradisio (1962) with Arthur Howard and Eva. Wasgner. An Oxbridge professor stumbles acrass a special pair of glasses which enable tim to see through people's clothes (4852300)

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6.00am Morning Glory (200687) 9.00 Register Market Lee (70652) 10.00 Another World (39558) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (4294) 12.00 Oprah Winter (25942) 1.00pm Geraldo (59530) 2.00 Sally Jessy Reghael (46990) 3.00 Jenny Jones (14316) 4.00 Oprah Wintery (20923) 5.00 Real TV (4515) 9.20 Merried — with Chlorian (2571) 7.00 The Simptons (6959) 7.30 MrA-S\*H (9855) 8.00 Hightander (48403) 9.00 Walfer, Texas Ranger (60039) 10.00 Edita Time (87294) 10.30 Stand and Delver (99942) 11.00 Star Time (87294) 10.30 Stand and Delver (99942) 11.00 Star Time for Time for Time for the North Chlorian (24324) 1.00am Long Play (1581121) SKY NEWS

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THE MOVIE CHANNEL

THE SIGNIE CHARTEVEL

6.00am Five Carrie Back (1939) (8555294) 7.35 Second Honeymoon (1957) (9718300) 9.05 The Feminica (1957) (9718300) 9.05 The Feminica (1958) (1958) (1958) 12.00 Cm. 20 Riviers (1958) (16316) 2.00 Cm. 20 Riviers (1951) (45720) 4.00 Mister Dog (1965) (1403) 6.00 Grizzly Adams and the Treasure of the Bear (1995) (88671) 7.30 UK Top 10 (1965) 8.00 The Class Shield (1963) 40229] 10,00 Seven (1965) (68214768) 12.10am Silent Fall (1968) (277968) 1.50 State of Emergency (1964) (5554762) 3.20 Shrantson Heads

(1994) (6476527) 4.50 Joe at the Kingdom of the Bees (1972) (1833072) SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Woman of Strew (1965) (4743774) 6.00 The Adventures of Baron Manchester (1969) (1651497) 8.00 Un-cle Bock (1969) (1656942) 10.00 The Entity (1963) (675155651 12.10em Friday the 13th: Part VII: the New Blood (1968) (14005430) 1.40 The Blible (1966) (24720035) 4.25 Close

8.00pm WCW Nitro (73762381) 9.00 Logari's Run (1976) (73772768) 11.00 Sheft's Big Score (1972) (6420955) 1.00sm The Niter Who Laughts (1966) (5345426) 2.45 Logari's Run (1976) (92339140) 5.00 Cloce SKY SPORTS 1

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7.00mm Sports Centre (92213) 7.30 Wresting (28294) 8.30 Sports Centre (85403)
9.00 Rosong News (70255) 9.30 Big Fight
Countdown (12045) 10.00 Super LasqueBrisbane v St Helen; Auckterd v Brantord
(155132) 12.20pm Rugby Club (54550)
2.00 Watersports World (53366) 3.00
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Club (70132) 6.00 Sports Centre (26552)
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Fight Countdown (85650) 2.00 World Super
Legue Club Chempionship — Live
(29607) 4.00 Weesting (38701)

SKY SPORTS 2

7,00em Aerobics Oz Style (2743519) 7,30 Sports Centre (2959126) 8,90 Record News (9915010) 8,30 Tight Lens (9438656) 9476 The Rusby Club (9356774) 11,00 Formula Three Racong (2751774) 12,00 A&Templa Price Racing (2731774) 12.00 Air-ternar Merathon (2735590) 1.30 Football League Review (2735590) 1.30 Football League Review (2199126) 2.00 Powerboat Formula One (4784233) 2.30 Full Throttle (7518887) 3.00 Trans World Sport (2955213) 4.00 Big Fight Countdown (743039) 4.30 Sports Unimated (9439594) 5.00 High Sports Unimated (9439594) 5.00 High Sports Unimated (9439594) 6.00 Sports Unimated (9439594) 6 5.30 World Sport Special (7512403) 6.00 Powerboat. Formula One (7519316) 6.30 Inside the Senior PGA Tour (7437768) 7.00 Futbol Mundial (8689869) 7.30 Football.

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SKY SPORTS 3 12,00pm Trans World Sport (47824359)
1,00 Tight Lines (79824909) 2,00 Bobby
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3,30 Golf: Novotel Perrier (23040855) 5,30
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(99973823) 7,00 All-Terrain Marachon
(73988519) 8,00 Golf: Novotel Perrier
(7377585) 10,00 Wresting (23674652)
12,00 Close

EUROSPORT 7.30am Four Wheels Drive (79316) 8.00 Footbal (40316) 10.00 Modern Pertactor (95300) 11.00 Touring Car (82836) 12.00 Motorsport (24836) 1.00pm Live Ternis (3216229) 6.00 Tractor Pulling (8833) 8.00 Truck Re.org (95665) 8.00 Footbal (8220) 10.00 Martial Arts (85316) 11.00 Boung (78229) 12.00 Four-Wheels Drive (41430) UK GOLD

7.00em Rentaghozi (5261229) 7.25 Nagh-hours (8062768) 8.00 Crossroadi (9998318) 8.25 EsstEnders (3890855) 8.00 The BB (1435861) 8.30 Howards View (4150565) 19.00 In Lowng Merrory (9864039) 19.30 Sulvents (1431046) 71.00 Boon (6881652) 12.00 Crossroadi (57449667) 72.25pm Neighbours (57449774) 12.55 EsstEnders (1046687) 1.30 HJD-H (5333940) 2.10 Kongres Lin (59449774) 12.55 EsstEnders (1046687) 130 H-Do-Hr (\$33324) 2.10 Koeping Up Appearances (2477671) 2.50 Am You Being Served\* (4302749) 3.30 The 53 (9452720) 4.00 Cascally (62769923) 5.05 EastEnders (9756213) 5.40 Bod's Full House (7149590) 6.25 That's Shoutcus ness (1076045) 7.00 it An't Half Hot, Liber (7150945) 7.45 Brush Strakes (5125895) 8.20 Keeping Up Appearances (1790300) 8.00 Only Fools and Horses (9659125) 9.40 The Bit (3387768) 10.15 Aut Vitederseher The Bit (3987/169) 10.15 Au Vinecensener, Per (44734 107) 11.20 Mun Behraming Bodh) (9253126) 11.85 Old Groy Whiste Tost (7140039) 12.25 en Sight and Sound (8372256) 1.05 Live or Jongleum (3444546) 1.35 Marm Vice (6342411) 2.25 Shopping

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**GRANADA PLUS** 



Bridges and Goodhell in White Squall (Sky Movies, 8.00pm)

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DISNEY CHANNEL

8.00mm Dumbo (45958) 8.30 Lamb Chop (60749) 7.00 Chp in Dale (91107) 7.30 Cueta Pack (46392) 8.00 Dinosaus (46584) 8.30 Eprilers (4585) 8.00 Curmi Béara (35107) 8.30 Grounding March (5397313) 8.95 Mouse and Mole (4415788) 10.00 Sessime St (46345) 11.00 Winne the Poch (97:3234) 11.15 Picse and Jin 7458229 11.40 Sing Me a Sony (358842) 12.00 Tots TV (48571) 12.30pm Big Garage (76452710) 12.45 Winne the Poch

(73402215) 1.80 Sesame St (71788) 2.80 Madeons Advertures — Growing Up Wild (1978) 2.30 Care Béars (2478) 3.00 Tele Soin (5565) 3.39 Goot Troop (223) 4.80 Meddin (5562) 8.00 Geophies (1010) 8.30 Decisions (2524 6.80 Mightman Not (3107) 8.30 Smart Guy (5377) 7.80 Weyne Mentesto (4774) 7.30 Fill.M. Remais and Juste (1994) (53720) 8.00 Second Nosh (2004) 18.00 Georg

FOX KIDS NETWORK 6.00mm Dely (8824316) 6.30 Billy the Cat

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8.00mtr Happily Ever Alber (41132) 6.30 Bobby's World (66323) 7.00 Spirrus (97351) 7.30 Dermis (69315) 8.00 Batman (22958) 8.30 Bobs Master (21225) 9.00 Art Albert (22235) 9.30 Ever (21225) 9.00 Art Albert 8.30 Bota Master (21229) 9.00 Art Attack (32351) 9.30 Emifrasorm. Int (78677) 19.00: Gravednie 1figin (53408) 19.30 Flesh-Gordon (38585) 11.90 Creepy Creaters (13571) 11.30 Gigertor (14309) 12.00 Gravednie High (25045) 12.30 pm Bota Meeter (52887) 1.60 Bestner (96852) 1.30 Enix (51958) 2.00 Creepy Creaters (5132) 2.30 Flest: Gordon (8652) 3.00 Sorte (9038) 3.30 Earthsom Sm (8687) 4.00 Desna (5132) 4.30 Art Attack (1318) CARTOON NETWORK

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6.00mm Killer Tormstoss (33818) 6.30
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Arroid (80655) 7.30 Rugratis (7550) 8.00
Doug (84774) 8.30 Country Mouse and City
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(8958) 2.30 CBBC (1736) 3.00 CBBC
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(5923) 4.00 Hey Arroid (758) 4.30
Rugears (3942) 5.00 Sear Sister (9010)
8.30 Kerner and Kel (4224) 6.00 Salotne
(1107) 9.30 Nebigar (9887) 7.00 Cose
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12.60pm Swart's Crossing (1344565)
12.30 Ready or Not (4155745) 1.00 Madison (8857836) 1.30 Sward Velloy, High 
(4148725) 2.00 Sward by the Ball (9500774)
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Not, (9550316) 4.00 Sward by the Ball 
(940922) 4.30 USA High (9452107) 8.00 Hanglime (941925) 8.20 Sward Valley 
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(8594590) 7.30 USA High (9485830) 8.30 ESP 
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England coach calls for calm in the cauldron of World Cup qualifying showdown

# Hoddle puts premium on composure

arms, he said, he would try to use his influence to steady young nerves as tomorrow's kick-off approached.

Banging the toilet door has

never won football matches,"

Adams said. "Maybe that was the kind of approach I used to

adopt. This time, there might be a process of calming some of the younger boys down. You

can go over the top in these situations. You can go over the top with enthusiasm and there is a danger you just run around like headless chickens.

Calming down and using

about. Our sides have always had the strength and

your brains should be what it

the determination anyway.

They are going to do their best.

That is not a problem. A bit of

knowledge and a bit of focus might be the way to go.
"It is hard to be serene during a football match, but

beforehand we can be, can't

we. I don't have to go running round the hotel like a nutcase

any more. I am relaxed. In

other times, I might be jump

ing around and it would all be

eating away at me inside, but I

don't do that anymore. Maybe

you are seeing the real Tony

"I have always been able to motivate people throughout the years and that is maybe

why people have put me as a

captain. I have been able to

focus in on certain individ-

uals. I preferred that to look-

ing at myself. Maybe there

was too much going on inside

me to have a look at me. While

I was looking at all the others

and assessing their problems,

I could just go out and play."

Adams, like Paul Ince earli-

er in the week, acknowledged that next summer would be

his last chance to play in the World Cup finals, that he only

cherry". He preferred to con-

centrate, though, on the help

that football has given him in

his fight against his addiction.

made me a professional foot-

baller," he said, "and I take the

good points into my private

life now. I look at all the good

things that have made me a

professional footballer for the

past 18 years and I recognise

that there is some kind of addiction that makes me get

up every morning and try to

prove myself on a football

pitch. Getting up and getting out there and putting myself

out there and being able to

handle defeat and success, I can take all that into my

private life.

"I can see the qualities that

Adams now.

GLENN HODDLE has been talking for some time now about how calmness will be the key in the Olympic Stadimatch will be won by the team that remains composed enough to play its natural game in the face of the howling crowd and the cloying pressure. Reflection is what the England coach is looking for in his squad as their World Cup qualifying showdown with Italy draws nearer and yesterday he and the man who is likely to be his captain passed their serenity sts with honours.

First, Hoddle had had to cope with the hostile questions of some Italian journalists. Disappointed with his decision to shield Paul Gascoigne from any form of contact with the media during his return to the city that used to be his home when he played for Lazio, they questioned Hoddle's faith in his midfield player's maturity. He was studiously unruffled by those exchang

Then, Hoddle played his part in a wonderful minifarce. He had told the press conference that David Beckham was suffering from a heavy, chesty cold that could keep him out of the match and that Gareth Southgate was also struggling with an injury, the nature of which he did not

Enter Roy Hodgson, the Blackburn Rovers manager, who has been drafted in to act as Hoddle's translator on this local journalists about

Under-21 forward, is

ready for another close en-

counter with Italy defenders

in the European champion-

Heskey, of Leicester City,

was the victim of several

cynical challenges in the first

meeting with Italy at Ashton

Gate, Bristol, in February, but

is determined not to react in

"The defenders stick tight

ship match in Rieti tonight.



time that he got to Southgate, though, he had forgotten that Hoddle had wanted the problem kept secret. Midway through his explanation, he started hopping about on one leg on the stage, tapping his right knee with his hand. For a split-second, Hoddle's face was a picture of dismay, but then it creased into a broad

The England coach was outdone, though, by the man most think he will name as his captain today. The fight against alcoholism has done many things for Tony Adams and another deeply thoughtful, searingly introspective conversation yesterday suggested that one of them has been to enhance his qualities

as a leader of men. Adams not only talks about serenity, but he exudes it, too. He talks slowly now, in such a studied, quiet way that it is almost soporific. There is something almost monastic about the tone of his words. Where he might once have

Heskey's cool forecast where and are pulling tugging away at you all the time," Heskey said. "There have been times when I have

reasonably well so far."

kicked out at people in a bit of retaliation, but overall I've managed to keep my temper

Victory is essential if England are to become one of the seven group winners who go through automatically to the



Adams, Hoddle's probable choice as captain, exudes the serenity that the coach wants to instil in his squad. Photograph: Marc Aspland

## Italy content to play waiting game

FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE

IN FLORENCE

IN THE bright, hot sunshine of Coverciano yesterday, where the Italy team trained before leaving for Rome, hope hung in the air - hope that Ciro Ferrara, the central defender, would be match-fit. although that will not be decided until Saturday,

Cesare Maldini, the Italy coach. Ferrara still feels some pain from his stomach muscle injuundergoing intherapy and

"I don't think I ever took my career for granted. Maybe got lost, shall we say. The reality is that I am still here However. Maldini did and it is a wonderful reality. I admit: "We have have to pinch myself at times a great problem but I do not fear anything any with the absence of Di Matteo, a great problem on the left of midfield. Little by little, people

Finally, just before he got up to go, someone asked him if he had more good days than bad days. "Every day is a good day." Adams said with a smile. "If England win on Saturday, though, it will be an

"It's just a game of football," said Marco Tardelli, a coalscorer in Italy's winning World Cup final in Madrid 15 years ago and now No 2 to Maldini. "It's not a war." No, he did not think the Italy team individually superior to England. These are two teams at the same level. The winner will be the one which keeps its nerve." Yes, the psychological

> important, but goals could come in any way, at any time. Tardelli, certainly, seemed cheerfully re-Christian Vieri. the probable Italy centre for-

aspect would be

ward. looked tense as he answered first 20-odd minutes might be decisive if Italy failed to score. he said: "After the first 25 minutes come another 25. If we haven't scored after half an and play as we know how. A

goal can come five minutes or

one minute from the end; you

can hit a post in the last minute." Alessandro Del Piero, scorer of the potentially devastating early goal for Juventus against Manchester United last week, is another who doubts that the first 20 minutes might be decisive. "The important thing for Italy," he said, "... is to win. rather than to score in the first 20 minutes or the last. We shall do everything to win this match. We'll cover every possibility - psychological, physical, technical and tactical. We

shall exclude nothing that will enable us to win." Gigi Riva, that prolific goalscorer of the past who is now attached to the national team, has great respect for England. "I see an England team much improved tactically," he said. "I saw them in France. If it wasn't for that piece of invention by Romário. they would never have deserved to lose to Brazil. They are much more solid and

convincing now." Paul Ince put the cat among the pigeons when he claimed that, when at Internazionale, Bianchi, told him that if he could not get the ball, he should go for the man.

Dino Baggio, the Italy midfield player, said: "Our football is tough, but not dirty, that's why Ince did well here. I've always admired him, he's a combative player who always gives it everything, more or less like me. It was no chance that sparks flew when we met each other. I didn't even finish the last Palma-Inter [match]: I got two yellow cards for fouls on him. But they were fouls, not murders. Who knows what went through his mind?"

It is now beginning to look as if Maldini will use Costacurta as sweeper, behind three mark-

prisingly, that he thinks England will also play with a sweeper. They've done it al-ready," he said. "I saw their games in Georgia and Poland on TV; catenaccio and counter-attack. They were calm for many minutes, waiting for their opponents to open up, then they struck. That's how they play now and why should they change if a draw would be enough? When we played them in France, they waited for us so they could penetrate our defence. But at the Olympico. it will be different. In ers. Cesare's - son, Paolo France, we were played out."

Maldini, said, somewhat sur-

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in a car crash at Punta Ala in Italy on Wednes-

day night, was among the highest echelon of Great Britain's racing sailors. Most people would name Lawrie Smith, Ben Ainslie and the 'Martians', John Merricks and Ian Walker, as this country's leading out-and-out

His death at the age of 26 is thus the cruellest of blows, not only to his friends and family but to a sport that needed and thrived on John Merricks. He was an instinctive helmsman who knew how to win, but he was also a straightforward and honest individual who conducted himself with a maturity that belied his years.

He was a great communica tor who was happy to do his bit to promote the sport, and he was fun to be around, even when the pressure was on. Merricks was known to enjoy a good food fight and, when the trophies were won, he could let rip in a nightelub. Anyone who was with him in Savannah, Georgia, after he collected his hard-won Olympic silver medal last summer will never forget Merricks that night, as a tide of relief and happiness swept through him. He came from a modest

Helmsman of the highest order Edward Gorman pays tribute to a racing

sailor who had the world at his feet

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GIUOCO CALCIO

after starting his sailing career on Rutland Water with his father in a Mirror dinghy at the age of 12, he progressed through 420s and then to 470s. He was a classic product of the Royal Yachting Association squad system and benefited enormously from coming under the wing of the national coach, Jim Salton-

have forgotten the importance

of this player." It looks as if

Attilio Lombardo will be asked

to fill the breach created by the

loss through suspension of the

Chelsea man, but they are

very different kinds of player.

He showed promise, but it was not until he teamed up with Ian Walker in 1993 that he realised his full potential. They brought the best out of each other and the victories began to roll in. They dominated their class in the run-up to the Olympic Games and survived a bad regatta at Savannah to earn the silver medal by one point.

Merricks was at his best



Merricks, right, and Walker show off their silver medals after the Olympic Games last year

like to stand at the back of the boat, looking for the shifts and playing the waves. On a memorable day at the pre-Olympic regatta at Hyeres last year, he and Walker showed stunning downwind speed and tactical acumen when they came from 26th place at the first weathermark to finish fifth and take the series with a race to spare. Merricks and Walker seemed to have something special and it transferred with them from small dinghies to keel-boats. When they got into

a Melges 24 for the first time, they came within a whisker of winning the British title and would have won the European championship shortly after that had they not thrown it away in the last race.

It was the same story in the Admiral's Cup. Many thought that the six-month learning curve would be too steep, but Merricks and Walker chose their crew carefully and scaled the beights to win the class in Bradamante. Merricks had a fine future ahead of him and there is no doubt that he would have gone on to even greater things.

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